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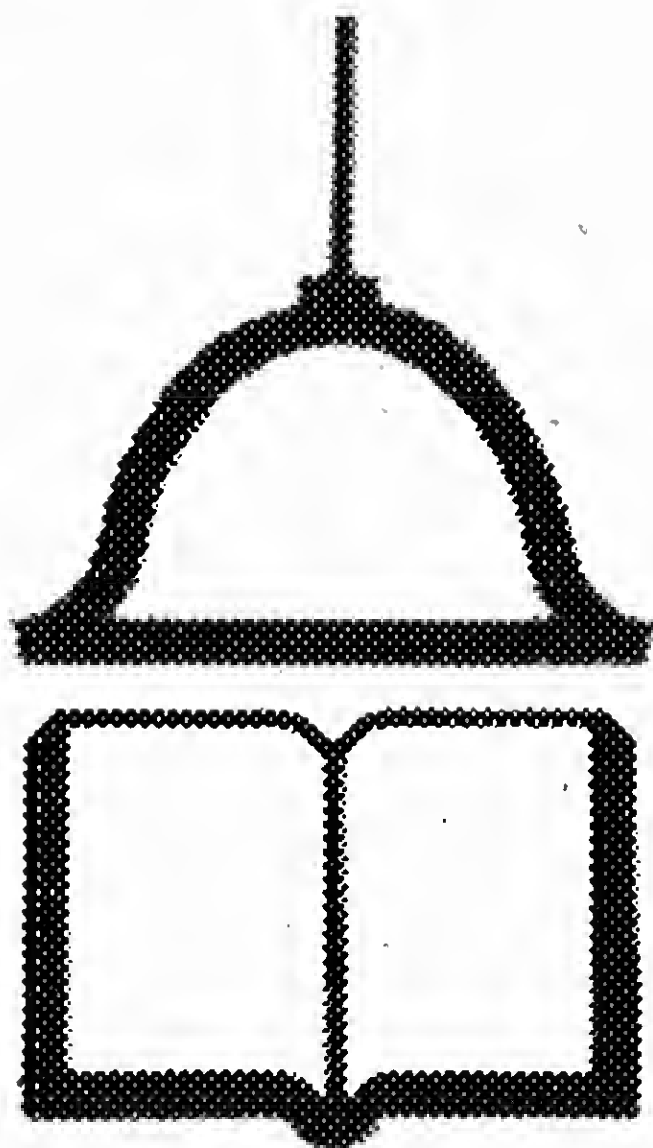
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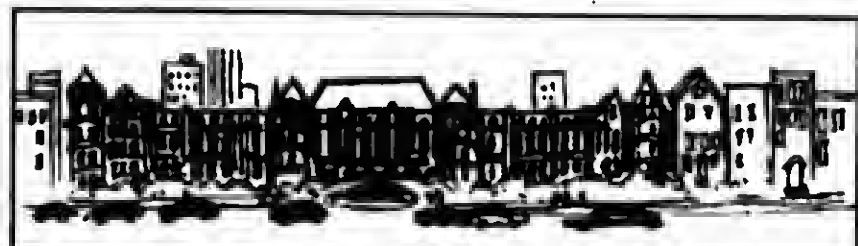
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The American Museum of Natural History in New York City is the largest natural history museum in the world.

Suburban Democrats to reduce senior drug costs

South suburban State Representatives Jim Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park), Kevin McCarthy (D-Orland Park), Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest), and George Scully (D-Flossmoor) will be sponsoring legislation in the upcoming session that will significantly reduce the cost of prescription drugs commonly used by senior citizens. Their initiative, called the "Senior Citizen Drug Discount Program," would allow seniors to purchase drugs at costs comparable to the wholesale levels drug manufacturers sell to their "preferred customers" like HMO's and large healthcare organizations.

"Senior citizens should not have to choose between buying groceries or picking up their heart medication," Rep. Crotty explained. "This new program will provide Illinois seniors with access to the same discount drug prices that are available to beneficiaries of Medicaid, the Public Health Service and other federally funded healthcare programs. Drug prices under this program average 52% less than retail drug prices seniors are currently forced to pay. That savings will make a big difference for our older seniors."

Under the program, reduced prescription drug prices would be set based upon the current price for prescription drugs as listed on the Federal Supply Schedule, plus a dispensing fee set by the Illinois Department of Revenue. According to the U.S. General Accounting Office,

prescription drug prices on the Federal Supply Schedule average 52% less than retail drug prices individual consumers are forced to pay. The Drug Discount Program would be available to Every Illinois senior over the age of 65 who chooses to participate. Enrollees in the program would pay an annual fee of \$25 for an identification card and to cover administrative costs of the program.

"High prescription prices hurt seniors the most," Rep. Scully said. "While seniors make up less than 12% of the population, they consume more than 37% of prescription drugs sold. The large corporations and HMO conglomerates have the market power to buy drugs at heavily discounted prices, while senior citizens are forced to pay the highest, full retail price for their medication. This new program will allow Illinois senior citizens to enjoy the same drug discounts currently enjoyed by the managed than \$16,000 annually, said Rep. Brosnahan. "However, the number of seniors covered under that program has shrunk from 100,000 in 1991 to less than 60,000 last year. While we hope to expand eligibility for the Pharmaceutical Assistance Program, our new Drug Discount Program will benefit every Illinois senior, through significantly reduced drug prices on all prescriptions, including those not currently covered by the Illinois Pharmac-



Hawkinson Ford Gives the Gift of Technology to District 124

District 124, which includes the Northeast, Southeast and Southwest Schools of Evergreen Park, has received over \$3500 dollars in donations from Hawkinson Ford's Friends of the Com-

munity™ Program. All the donations are part of a year long commitment to improve Evergreen Park schools and their educational resources.

Northeast School received

approximately \$500 dollars worth of cameras, games and novel sets. Southeast and Southwest received 2 computers worth \$3000 dollars. All of these donations were part of a "wish list"

that Lisa Hawkinson, Director of Friends of the Community™ Program, made come true.

Jerry Orth, Director of Information Systems at Southwest School says, "We are pleased with our partnership with Hawkinson Ford. They have made a commitment to our students, staff and District 124. They are also dedicated to helping our students reach their highest potential. We hope to work with them more in the future."

Friends of the Community™ is a community relations effort of Hawkinson Ford in Oak Lawn to assist area schools and not for profit organizations in the community. Hawkinson Ford was established in 1961 by Robert R. Hawkinson and is now run by his four sons, Bill, Bob, Tom, and Jim, and their wives. The dealership continues to be the number one Ford dealer in Illinois.

Pharmaceutical Assistance Program.

While the existing Illinois Pharmaceutical Assistance program is subsidized by the state, the Senior Citizen Drug Discount Program will care industry."

Escalating drug prices are leading, to record profit margins for pharmaceutical manufacturers. According to a recent report by Families USA, every year since 1994, prices of the 50 prescription drugs most commonly used by senior citizens have increased faster than inflation. The prices of nearly half those drugs (23 of 50) increased at more than three times the rate of inflation in 1998.

"The state's existing

Pharmaceutical Assistance Program is a great resource for seniors who earn less benefit seniors at little or no expense to Illinois taxpayers. Instead the cost of providing prescription drugs benefits would be covered by the drug manufacturers who sell their products in Illinois, through negotiated price reductions for Illinois seniors.

"The Drug Discount Program will be paid for through negotiated price reductions by the pharmaceutical companies, at no cost to Illinois taxpayers," Rep. McCarthy said. "We are not forcing drug manufacturers to sell their products to Illinois seniors at less

than cost, we are simply reducing the enormous margin of profit they are currently making at the expense of senior citizens. These reduced prices are the same given to large managed care organizations and government institutions. We believe Illinois seniors deserve the same benefits. Under this plan they'll get them."

The Suburban Democrats plan to move their legislation when the Illinois General Assembly returns for regular session on January 13, 1999. Similar legislation has been introduced in the Vermont, Massachusetts, and New York legislatures.

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A look back at the Oak Lawn Chamber's past

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce makes plans over lunch in 1974. From left to right: Mary Lotz, *House of Mary* (Co-Chairman), Sandy Dorgan, *First National Bank of Oak Lawn*, Al Schmitz, *S&S Stores for Men and Boys*, Gene O'Reilly, *E.T. O'Reilly and Associates* (Co-Chairman), Frank Boblak, *Boblak Realtors*, Lyle Brooks, *Brooks Advertising*, Joyce Andersen, Heinz Gliege, *Palos Country Club*, Milt Andersen, *Oak Lawn Camera Shop*, Bob Nelson, *Post Master of Oak Lawn*, Walter Malleck, *Palos Country Club*, Dottie Olsen, Executive Secretary, Jim Buschbach, *Bushbach Insurance Agency*, Eleanor Barrett, *Sterno Craft*, Tom Davis, *T.V. Facts*. Photo Supplied by the Oak Lawn Library. Photographer: Gene Pahnke.

Child Pollution

Pity the poor ghetto children.

Crowded into their homes by day.

In fear of what awaits outside.

Staring out at the swings and slides,

The playground where they dare not play.

Where bullets fly and crack cocaine

Is peddled blatantly by

the gangs.

Selling their brand of death and pain.

Who will free those from their cages,

Where they live in

festering rages?

God, alone, knows the

real solution,

To what I call Child

Pollution.

Nina Marshall

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Quarterly Advance Calendar
Spring 2000 March/April/May
Special Exhibition
The Dead Sea Scrolls
March 10 Through June 11, 2000

On loan from the Israel Antiquities Authority, the **Dead Sea Scrolls** are coming to Chicago. The Field Museum exhibition is the first time the Scrolls have been in Chicago since 1949, and their first time in the Midwest since 1965. This exhibition includes portions of 15 different scrolls, five of which have not been seen outside of Israel. This exhibition will also present 80 archeological artifacts from the area where the scrolls were discovered, including a scroll storage jar, coins; and leather sandals. The Dead Sea Scrolls were written in Israel over 2,000 years ago and since they were first discovered by a shepherd in a desert cave at Qumran in 1947, they have been a source of fascination and debate. Written on parchment and papyrus in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek, the scrolls contain what are the earliest surviving copies of all of the books of the Old Testament,

as well as apocryphal passages and writings that reveal the beliefs and lives of the people who created the scrolls. Visitors can watch conservators from the Israel Antiquities Authority work

on restoring fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls in a special conservation lab incorporated into the exhibition. Cost is Museum admission plus \$3 adults; \$2 children 3-11, seniors and students with ID. For more information, call The Field Museum at (312) 922-9410.

The Dead Sea Scrolls exhibition is co-organizer by The Field Museum and the Israel Antiquities Authority.

Alpine Valley Ski Trip

Palos Hills Park Department is sponsoring a ski trip for teens at Alpine Valley. Skiers of all abilities are welcome. Lunch & refreshments are on your own. Trip will leave from the Golf Course, 7301 W. 105th St., on Monday, January 17 at 6:00 am and will return at 8:00 pm.

For information call #430-4500.

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Open Invitation to people
interested in Suburban History

On January 10th, 2000, a presentation by Christine Brooks, an Illinois and Michigan Canal volunteer will be given to the public at the Oak Lawn Library, Rotary Room in Oak Lawn at 7:00 p.m.

Jude Coyle a free lance reporter will introduce Christine Brooks who is currently working for the Worth Park District. Christine's background is that of a naturalist and her topic will be on the early settlers in Worth.

There will be a free drawing for two tickets to see Forever Plaid for those in attendance.

If history of the villages is of your interest, please come to this meeting. There will be a series of 7 weeks, Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Library, Rotary Room. A view of the century for the villages of Worth, Chicago Ridge, Palos Hills, Palos Park, Palos Heights, Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn, Bridgeview will be presented.

This presentation is sponsored by Annette Dixon, Village View Publications, INC.

New Book on Old Cahokia available for New Millennium

CHAHOKIA, IL, December 9—As the new millennium approaches, a new book is available that describes another milestone in history—the time 300 years ago when the French settled the area in Illinois directly across from present-day St. Louis.

Notes on Old Cahokia by Charles E. Peterson is a study of Cahokia, Illinois from the founding of the Holy Family mission in 1699 through the American conquest and the establishment of St. Clair County in 1790. The book combines into one volume a series of three works Peterson wrote for Cahokia's 250th anniversary in 1949. The book takes readers through the early history of an area that saw French, British and American rule in less than a century, and some of whose settlers moved west to found St. Louis.

Peterson was a landscape architect for the National Park Service who was posted to St. Louis between 1936 and 1942 to help plan for the proposed Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. Delays in the project allowed Peterson to study the early French history of the area, and he helped with restoration projects on the Cahokia Courthouse (1740),

the Holy Family Church (1799) and the Nicholas Jarrot Mansion (1810) in Cahokia. He was also the originator of the Historic American Buildings Survey, a federal program to document the nation's historic structures that continues to this day.

Notes on Old Cahokia is published by the volunteer Jarrot Mansion Project, Inc., a support group for the Jarrot Mansion State Historic Site in Cahokia, Illinois. The publication is partially underwritten by a grant from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, which administers the Jarrot Mansion. It sells for \$12 and may be obtained at Cahokia Courthouse State Historic Site in Cahokia; Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site in Collinsville; and Borders Books. Copies may be purchased by mail for \$12 plus \$3 shipping and handling by writing to: Jarrot Mansion Project Inc., 107 Elm Street, Cahokia, IL 62206.



The Sesame Street characters Bert and Ernie were named after characters in the film *It's a Wonderful Life*.

Library Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Reading material is available in advance and everyone is welcome to join.

A short story discussion group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet January 12 to discuss *The Three Strangers* by Thomas Hardy and February 9 for *The Necklace* by Guy de Maupassant and *Paste* by Henry James. Copies of these short stories can be picked up one month in advance at the library's Fiction Desk, first floor.

A novel discussion group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet January 26 to discuss *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson and February 23 for *Morgan's Passing* by Anne Tyler. Copies of these novels can be checked out one month in advance at the library's Circulation Desk, first floor.

Meetings are held in the Mary Nelson Classroom, on the library's lower level.

For additional information, call Beth Baird, book discussion chair, 708-422-4933.

First-year student wins 1999 Calendar Drive



I Can't Believe I Won! Mrs. Michele Whitehead, Assistant Principal of Mother McAuley High School, congratulates Sarah Hochgraver (right) presenting her with a trip for four to Disney World.

Mother McAuley High School freshman Sarah Hochgraver, is making her travel plans as the winner of a trip for four to Disney World, grand prize of the 1999 Calendar Drive. The drawing for the trip culminated the 1999 Calendar Drive, the major fundraiser for McAuley students that supplements revenue from tuition and fees. The Disney trip raffle, along with other incentive prizes, encourages students to participate in the drive and rewards their efforts.

Sarah Hochgraver, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kerry Clancy of Chicago, sold eleven calendars during the drive.

The Freshman class was the big winners in the level race during the drive going 3% over their quota. The Sophomore class brought in 97% of their quota followed by the Juniors with 94% and the Seniors with 90%. The top salesperson of McAuley calendars at the freshman level was Melissa Fischbeck who brought in \$1,440. Leading the sophomore class was Lauren Heffernan who sold 50 calendars. Junior Katherine Smith, last year's winner of the calendar drive grand prize, brought in \$760 and Celia Moore finished with \$1,440.

Online Tax Forms Available

Looking for tax forms? It's a snap when you visit the 1999 Federal & State Income Tax Forms site on the Oak Lawn Public Library web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us). Link up to official sites with federal, Illinois and out of state tax forms and publications. Adobe Acrobat Reader is required to view and print. This can be obtained free via a link on the IRS form site.

For those who do not have a home computer, the library's Reference Department, second floor, offers six Internet access computers for public use by adults, high school age and up. Two computers require reservations for 60 minute periods. The other four stations are dedicated to walk up use, limited to 15 minute periods. All Internet users must have basic computer skills. Staff will provide limited assistance. To make a reservation for Internet use, call 708-

422-4990.

The Oak Lawn Public Library also provides a selection of basic federal and Illinois state income tax forms through April 15. Some federal forms are now in stock and more are arriving daily. State forms are expected in February. You may pick up forms self-service in the library's Raymond Avenue entry way or use the reproducible forms kept in 3 ring binders near each copy machine. Photocopies cost 10 cents each. Patrons are asked to be considerate and take no more than two of any item.



Welcome to the New Century from the staff of the Village View Newspapers

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NumAstrology & Your Month Ahead
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For January 2000...**Psychic Predictions are for all Signs.** I use NumAstrology (I have combined Numerology with Astrology...plus my Psychic Insight)! Initials can be first or last names of people involved.

For those born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: You seem intent on making a lot of money this year. You surely can! You seem bent on improving health, sexual needs, and getting into a better home or home life. All of this can be yours if you will but Meditate and send out those thoughts. The rewards are breath-taking. L and R involved and Leo too.

For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Some of you are just waiting to make a break from something or someone. This is a "gimme" and you know inwardly that you are doing the right things. M involved and someone who inspires you.

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: When you cannot do something on your own, remember, there is a Higher Power you can turn to. Libra people and Virgo people can explain what seems to be a mystery concerning a child-like adult or someone with a real mental problem. H aids.

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You seem very attracted to other people who have a lot of wisdom. Some of you can meet someone who is in or is studying to be in the clergy. Many of you want to take courses to improve your financial status and intellectual level. T helps.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: If you think it, you can do it, but first, convince yourself that what you are putting so much of yourself into is worth the effort, or move on to something new. A new person is attracted to you, making someone jealous. Be careful. R says "yes."

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: J and L involved in some kind of venture that is sure to pay off. If you are either of these people, just go for it. If you know these people, offer to become the third part of the triangle.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Don't look back at your yesterdays and sigh about what you could have done, or should have done. But, it's not too late to dig in again and make something of those wonderful ideas you have. C helps.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: What you do for a living is your choice. Still, someone is sure to criticize your best efforts. Speak up and let them know where you stand. No one should have to walk on "egg-shells" for anyone...in any situation or circumstance. J helps. ask.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: The issue is money, and you seem to be getting a bit more than you used to have. Well, there is more money coming your way through a winning or a giving...and, you will know what to do with it and whom to share it with. Be careful with someone who tells "off-colour" jokes. A and K involved.

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A letter to The Editor

Dear Village View Newspaper,

More than 30 years after her tragic and untimely death, Patsy Cline remains the number one choice on juke boxes around the world. Now you can relive the unforgettable passion and glamour of Country Music's greatest legend in this stirring musical tribute, **A CLOSER WALK WITH PATSY CLINE**. All your favorite songs, sung live, make this the one show guaranteed to give you "Sweet Dreams."

Back by popular demand, this incredible performance makes its triumphant return to the stage of The Fireside Theatre. **A CLOSER WALK WITH PATSY CLINE** has played to millions of adoring fans in sold out venues all across the country, and every

show is a bright, shining moment in the legacy of one of America's most beloved super stars. It's a can't miss, energetic, lively musical tribute to the world's most enduring Country Music legend of all time.

In addition to our world-class performance, you'll enjoy a meal fit for the Queen of Country. The featured meal begins with a "Camp-Fire Kettle," a chili bean soup sprinkled with cheddar cheese and served with fresh baked breads from The Fireside Ovens. Our "Chuck Wagon Buffet" offers a variety of mouth-watering delicacies. Choose one or all of our entrees, from fingerlicking BBQ back ribs and Louisiana catfish fillets to chef-carved Texas barbecue beef or spicerubbed and roasted

whole turkey. On the side you can choose from cheese grits with jalapenos, whipped potatoes with old fashioned gravy, Blue Lake green beans flavored with bacon and ham, and Branson sweet potato soufflé. And don't forget about dessert - baked blueberries with port served over frozen vanilla custard.

Join us as we celebrate Country Music's greatest legend. Join us for **A CLOSER WALK WITH PATSY CLINE**. Call 1-800-477-9505 for sumptuous cuisine and spectacular theatre!

With warmest regards,
The Klopoc Family
P.S. There's no better way to ring in the New Year than with a festive celebration of Country Music's brightest star. Good seats are still available for all three show times on New Year's Eve. Call for more details about



Santa to visit St. Francis Hospice patients

December 14, 1999-In the next few weeks, Santa, along with Mrs. Santa, Prancer and an elf, will visit 40 hospice patients of the St. Francis Hospital and Health Center in Blue Island.

Santa will surprise each one with a Christmas sock made and filled by the Women's Auxiliary of the United States Sail and Power Squadron, Calumet Division. The candy, toys and other small gifts were contributed by squadron members, the hospice donated the cookies, while the Hyatt Hotel Corporation donated many of the toiletries.

The terminally ill hospice patients are in their own homes or in a nursing facility, where they receive care from hospice personnel. Dorothy Youngquist of Morgan Park, a longtime hospice volunteer and a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the U.S. S. P. Squadron, is the originator and coordinator of the Christmas program.

"I help the patients and their families with their everyday routines and worries, and stay with the patients when the caretaker has to be away from home. I read to them, sing to them, or just listen while they talk. I always take some little thing like a flower from my garden or a couple of cupcakes," Youngquist said. Other members of the auxiliary who worked on this project are Betty Bragalone of Orland Park, Alana Collier of Hazel Crest, Marjorie Dorwart of South Holland, Charlene Mathis of Burr Ridge, Marlys Johnson of Calumet

Pictured (left to right): Front row: Dolores Ewing of Plainfield, Power Squadron Auxiliary President and Chairman Carol Meneou of Palos Heights, Mae Reich of Calumet City and Marlys Johnson of Calumet City. Standing: Renee Poynter of Palos Hills, Marjorie Dorwart of South Holland, Alanna Collier of Hazel Crest, Betty Bragalone of Orland Park, Hospice Social Worker Lynette Hickey of Chicago, Hospice Social Worker Lisa Nolden of Merrionette Park, Charlene Mathis of Burr Ridge and Dorothy Youngquist of Morgan Park.

City and Mae Reich of Calumet City. Lisa Nolden of Merrionette Park and Lynette Hickey, both Social

Workers of St. Francis Hospice department, will help Santa deliver the socks to the patients.

Prospective students attend Brother Rice Open House

Brother Rice High School students point out the features of the school's Petkus-Crane Computerized Physics Lab during open house December 7. Grade school students and parents were taken on tours by Brother Rice students and parents, where they saw, among other things, the Calkin Computer Center, and the fully-computerized mathematics lab and library.

Visitors were also intro-

duced to Brother Rice administrators, teachers, coaches and department heads. Open house gave the visitors an opportunity to see for themselves Brother Rice's facilities and to ask questions about curriculum and social issues. A total of 475 families toured the school during the two open houses. Students are reminded that the Entrance Exam for incoming students will take place Saturday, Jan. 8, 2000 at 8 a.m. Students should bring two #2 pencils and a \$20 testing fee.



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Symposium Sundays

In conjunction with the University of Chicago Oriental Institute and School of Divinity, The Field Museum will host the **Dead Sea Scrolls Sunday Symposia Series**. The series begins Sunday, March 12, and continues through May 14, and will address a range of compelling historical, intellectual and philosophical questions related to the content and discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Packaged prices are available for two or more symposia.

Second Temple Judaism and the Dead Sea Scrolls (Opening Lecture) Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m.

Eric Meyers, Ph.D., Bernice and Morton Lerner Professor of Judaic Studies and Archaeology, Department of Religion, Duke University

The Site of Khirbet Qumran: Problems and Solutions, Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m.

Jim Strange, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of South Florida Jodi Magness, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology, Classics Department, Tufts University Yitzhar Hirschfeld, Ph.D., Institute of Archaeology, Hebrew University Mt. Scopus Chair: Jim Phillips, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Anthro-

pology, University of Illinois at Chicago

The Scrolls and the Jews of Graeco Roman Palestine, Sunday, April 2, 2 p.m.

Norman Golb, Ph.D., Professor of Hebrew and Judeo Arabic Studies, Department of Near Eastern Languages and

Civilizations, Oriental Institute, and the University of Chicago James Kugel, Ph.D., Starr Professor of Hebrew Literature, Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University Eugene Ulrich, Professor of Theology, University of Notre Dame Michael Wise, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Minnesota Chair: Micheal Fishbane, Ph.D., Head of Department of Jewish Studies, University of Chicago

The Scrolls and Christian Origins, Sunday April 16, 2 p.m.

John Collins, Ph.D., Professor of Hebrew Bible, Divinity School, University of Chicago Craig Evans, Ph.D., Professor of Religious Studies and Director of Graduate Program in Biblical Studies, Trinity Western University James VanderKam, Professor of Theology, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame Chair: Sarah Tanzer, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Judaism and Christian Origins, McCormick Theo-

logical Seminary

The Scrolls and Millenarianism, Sunday May 7, 2 p.m.

Adela Collins, Ph.D., Professor of New Testament, Divinity School, University of Chicago Michael Douglas, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor of Religion, Department of Religion, Carroll College Eileen Schuller, Ph.D., Department of Religious Studies, McMaster University Chair: Gabriele Boccaccini, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan

The Dead Sea Scrolls Publication Project (Closing Lecture), Sunday May 14, 2 p.m.

Emmanuel Tov, Ph.D., Institute of Jewish Studies, Hebrew University Mt. Scopus

Symposia Costs Opening and closing lectures are free; no preregistration required. Each Symposium: \$12 (\$8 members, \$10 students/educators) Any Two Symposia: \$18 (\$12 members, \$15 Students/educators) Symposium Pass (good for all six sessions): \$36 (\$24 members, \$30 students/educators)

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The largest, most complete, and best preserved T. Rex ever discovered will be unveiled in her new permanent home in the main hall of The Field Museum on May 17, 2000. Because the fossil is 90% complete, just a few model bones were created to complete the 45 foot-long skeleton. It will contain nearly all of Sue's real bones except the skull, which will be a reconstructed model. The real skull, in a dramatic eye level display, will bring visitors face-to-face with the amazing details along its spectacular five foot length. Hands on activities and videos will take visitors inside Sue's skull and prompt them to conduct their own scientific investigation. Discover some of the secrets uncovered by Field Museum scientists and learn the fascinating story of this extraordinary T. Rex. Free with Museum admission. For

remnants of animals that flourished in an ancient sea a sea much older than any dinosaur.

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• **Bone up.** Visit the McDonald's® Fossil Preparation Lab here at The Field Museum and see what our preparators are working on now.

Friday, May 19, 2000 See dinosaurs in action! The Museum is sponsoring a special screening of Walt Disney's *Dinosaur*. For more information, call The Field Museum at (312) 922-9410.

Opening Day: Wednesday, May 17, 2000

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A 6-week Internet Computer Course has been approved by Evergreen Park School Board District #124.

Palos Community Hospital Hosts Lymphedema Seminar

Cancer survivors who have undergone the removal of lymph nodes or radiation treatment are at risk for developing lymphedema, a chronic, progressive condition caused by the accumulation of lymphatic fluid.

Lymphedema is very common among women who have undergone breast cancer treatment. The good news is that it can be treated - safe, proven techniques can reduce pain and inflammation, and improve arm and leg movement.

During a free seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12, Dr. Yasemin Ozcan, a specialist in Physical and Rehabilitative Medicine, and Erin Fries, a physical therapist, will discuss the signs and symptoms, treatment and prevention of lym-

phedema. The seminar, which will include a question and answer session, will be held in Conference Rooms A & B at the hospital's Ambulatory Care Center, 12251 S. 80th Ave., Palos Heights. To reserve a seat, call Central Scheduling at (708) 923-4700.

WOMEN'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER TO HOLD WINE & CHEESE INTRODUCTION

A wine and cheese introduction to the services of the Women's Business Development Center (WBDC) will be held on Wednesday, January 12, from 5:30 p.m.

course is \$35.

If interested in Internet Class, register with Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 West 97th St., Evergreen Park - Room 107.

to 7:00 p.m., at the WBDC offices, 8 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 400, in Chicago.

At the reception, WBDC staff members will be on hand to help aspiring entrepreneurs and existing business owners identify. Their business needs and recommend the best WBDC services to suit their needs. Services offered by the WBDC include entrepreneurial training workshops, individualized consulting, financial counseling and assistance, business and strategic plan development, and WBE certification and procurement opportunities.

There is no cost to attend, but reservations are required. Call the WBDC at (312) 853-3477.

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St. Rita of Cascia junior Peter Ferreri performs on the french horn at the St. Rita Symphonic Band Christmas Concert held recently in the school auditorium. Peter is a member of St. Albert the Great Parish in Burbank.

★ MILITARY NEWS ★

December 8, 1999 (FHTNC)—Marine Lance Cpl. Christine M. McInerney, daughter of Bernard E. McInerney of 8749 Utica, Evergreen Park, Ill., recently graduated from the Unit Diary Clerk's Course at Marine Corps Service Support Schools, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the eight week course, McInerney gained a working knowledge of processing and preparing a unit diary, which is the basic document used in the Marine Corps Manpower Management System.

McInerney learned to prepare personnel information for input into the computer based system. McInerney also studied procedures used for unit level recording of pay and allowances.

The 1987 graduate of Oak Forest High School of Oak Forest, Ill., joined the Marine Corps in December 1996.

Pamala A. Doggett has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Oak Lawn, Ill.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

Doggett, a 1999 graduate of Reavis High School, Burbank, Ill., will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training on January 12, 2000.

She is the sister of Daniel F. Doggett of 11143 S. Ridgeland, Worth, Ill., and Klaire E. Doggett of 5810 W. 87th St., Burbank, Ill.

(FHTNC)—While most Americans are celebrating the holiday season at home or with family, Navy Chief Petty Officer Anthony W. Hill, son of Nina M. Reid of 9659 S. Maplewood Ave., Evergreen Park, Ill., is scheduled to spend the holidays forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan, aboard the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk.

H joined the Navy 1 May 1980.

OLCHS recipient

Martin Zubek, a senior at Oak Lawn Community High School has been selected as a member of the 5A Illinois High School Football Coaches' Association Academic All State Team.

Zubek plans on attending Washington University in St. Louis. He is the son of Andy and Stella Zubek of Oak Lawn.

Palos Community Hospital Offers Free Asthma Education Program

Asthma is a chronic lung disease that plagues 15 million children and adults. There is no cure, but there are many ways asthma patients can take control.

Through its free monthly Asthma Education Program, Palos Community Hospital is teaching people how to deal with the challenges of asthma. Participants will learn how to prevent chronic and troublesome symptoms and recurrent bouts of asthma; maintain near normal pulmonary function; reduce the need for Emergency Room visits or hospitalization; and maintain normal activity levels.

The next class is offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 at Palos Community Hospital Primary Care Center, 15300 West (100th) Ave., Orland Park. For more information, or to register, call (708) 923-5530.

Chinese Christians Still Need Prayer and Bibles

South Holland, IL For the fifth time in two months, popular evangelical pastor Li Dexian has been arrested, interrogated, and released in Huada, China. Other believers arrested with Li are still in detention. Their crime: holding church services without government permission. The incident is only one of hundreds of similar cases all over China, demonstrating the government's resolve to limit Christian activity, stop evangelism, and limit access of millions of believers to Bibles.

Recently, there has been some confusion among North American Christians regarding the need for Bibles in China and the question of whether persecution still happens there.

"We want to set the record straight," says Rev. Dennis Mulder, President of The Bible League. "Some organizations are working through and with the government supervised church in China. But, there are millions of believers in Chinese house churches who are not comfortable with their government controlling when, where, and how they worship. It is these believers who are vulnerable to persecution and to them that we seek to supply as many Scriptures as possible."

China, in fact, actually exports bibles. There are independent printing companies within China where Bibles are being produced. However, except for a small number having been sent to Singapore, these Bibles are printed in languages other than Chinese, and they are being shipped to other countries, just as toys or electronics are produced within China yet not intended for use within that country. These Bibles are not allowed to be distributed in China they are produced for export only.

The Chinese government does allow the printing of Chinese Bibles at one approved location, but there are many restrictions on the quantity and placement of those Bibles. The majority of these Bibles are for use in the government supervised churches. Only a small percentage of these approved Bibles go to the house churches that represent 80% of the believers in China. To date it is estimated that there are 40-50 million Chinese Christians who do not have a Bible, with an estimated 5,000 more coming to faith each day. At most, there are only about 30 million Bibles in China (The Bible League has provided over 8 million since 1979). And China's population is over 1 billion.

A house church leader in Wenzhou reports, "We saw 5,000 people per week come to know Jesus. This rate kept up for five months."

"The Lord is working mightily in China," says Rev. Mulder, "Yet how can these believers grow in their faith without access to the Scriptures?"

The Bible League is the largest supplier of Scriptures to Christians in China's vast network of house churches. Since 1979 a system of couriers has transported eight million Scriptures into China, particularly to remote regions where Bibles are most rare. In addition to the Bible, the most requested resource from The Bible League is the Chinese Study Bible, which contains a concordance, maps, cross referencing, and sermon outlines. This type of resource is largely unavailable to Chinese church leaders through their government.

By all independent accounts, persecution exists in China. There are government supervised churches available to the Chinese people. Many attend these and avoid persecution, worshipping under the watchful eye of the government. But, government supervised churches limit evangelization; the teaching of certain topics, such as the return of Jesus

Christ, is also often limited.

"Those who attend house churches want more than just the ability to attend church on Sunday, they want to live out their faith on a daily basis and evangelize those around them," says The Bible League's Director of China Ministries.

The U.S. House Committee on International Relations released its first ever "State Report on International Religious Freedom" in the fall. At that point, China was listed as one of three "countries of particular concern."

The report states: "China's Christians are 'free' to worship only if they accept government imposed registration and limits. For Protestants and Catholics, this means, for example, that they are discouraged from preaching the second coming of Christ, and that their clergy are in part trained and monitored by the government. Those Christians who do not accept such limits they reportedly number in the tens of millions, and are called 'underground' Christians are at risk of detention and arrest, some have even been physically abused and tortured." "The increase in the number of Christians has resulted in a corresponding increase in the demand for Bibles.

The Bible League has developed an educational program for North American churches called "Blessed Are Those Who Are Persecuted." The program lets local churches help answer the widespread call for Scriptures around the world. The program contains a video, bulletin inserts, and a 21 day devotional. Hundreds of churches ordered these materials for the recent International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. These churches then responded by providing funds for thousands of Scriptures. The program runs year round, and information kits are available through The Bible League.

"Persecuted believers in China and other restrictive countries need to know that they are not alone," says Rev. Mulder. "Praying and providing Bibles are the two more important ways to stand with them."

For more information, contact Rev. Dennis Mulder, President of The Bible League, 800-334-7017 or 708-331-2094. The Bible League is located at 16801 Van Dam Road, South Holland, Illinois 60473.

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Alumni Athletic Booster Raffle

The St. Francis de Sales Alumni Athletic Boosters are sponsoring a cash raffle on Friday, February 18, 2000 in the school's social center, with the festivities beginning at approximately 8:00 pm.

The drawing will be held in conjunction with the Boys' Sophomore and Varsity basketball games against Bishop MacNamara High School in which the parents' of the Varsity Boys team will be honored.

The raffle will be drawn at approximately 10:30 pm. The top prize is \$12,500. This is followed by additional prizes of \$5000, \$2500, \$1000 and twenty prizes of \$250. Before the raffle there will be additional drawings, as well as a silent auction in the adjoining school cafeteria.

Tickets are being sold at the school's main desk during school hours this week or by contacting the school 21 (773) 1 7272 extension 37. Food and refreshments will be served at 8:00 pm. Any unsold tickets will be available up to the time of the drawing.

Proceeds from the raffle will be used to support the school's athletic programs.

FOOD FOR SECONDS



Two Restaurants Answer A Need For Theater Dining

By Anita Anderson

At last a little gem of a restaurant conveniently located near ALL the main theaters for those of you out there who have their priorities intact and don't mind popping for an occasional night out at the Loop entertainment offering.

Unique Atwood Cafe, located across from Old Navy at 1 West Washington, right on State Street won't break your budget. The

unique eatery is on the main floor of the Hotel Burnham, whose building went up in 1894. The hotel lobby is worth checking out.

Anyway the food at Atwood is great with offerings like a homestyle pot pie with its buttermilk crust. Fillings are different each day. Or hot black pepper roast beef sandwich or a very good cornmeal-breaded oyster sandwich.

Atwood offers breakfast, lunch and of course the pre-theater dinners. All of the good food coming out of the kitchen is under the supervision of Chef Terhune.

A Toyland Tea is underway featuring tasty scones, mini-sandwiches and lots of holiday goodies served from 3-5 p.m. through the holiday season. All children participating will be presented with

their own gingerbread person to decorate. A polaroid photo will also be available as well as a pouch of special I, blended tea. Prices at Atwood begin at \$5 for starters like the soup of day to \$10 for a grilled flank steak salad in roasted shallot-mustard dressing. For sweet endings try a roasted banana-white chocolate bread pudding. Call 312-368-1900 for reservations.

Another pre-theater possibility a little farther North is P.J. Clarke's at 1204 N. State Parkway. Parking is plentiful and reasonable with in-house validation across the street in the garage.

P.J. features handsome wood interior accenting the homey comfort foods coming out of the kitchen. Be sure to sample the famous mini-burger starter plate for 3 for \$4.95 or six for \$8.95 and the smoked mozzarella flat bread. All sandwiches come with handcut fries or onion rings (an enormous plate full). Of course you can order other entrees, equally as good. All fairly priced. For example a half-slab of ribs is \$9.95.

Following is their recipe for Apple Crisp Topping:

APPLE CRISP TOPPING

1 CUP SUGAR
1 CUP BROWN SUGAR
2 CUPS A.P. FLOUR
2 COLD BUTTER
8 OZ. CUP TOASTED WALNUTS
MIX THE SUGARS, FLOUR AND BUTTER TOGETHER IN A MIXING BOWL WITH THE PADDLE ATTACHMENT, MIX ON SPEED 2 TIL MEALY. ADD THE NUTS AND MIX FOR 20 SECONDS
FILLING:
10 GRANNY SMITH APPLES PEELED AND DICED TOSS W/DASH CINNAMON & BROWN TABLE SUGAR, ADD TOPPING AND BAKE FOR 20 MINUTES UNTIL GOLDEN BROWN



TOFFEE SQUARES

1 c. butter
1 c. brown sugar
1 egg yolk
2 c. flour
1/4 t. salt
1 t. vanilla

Cream butter, sugar, egg, and vanilla. Blend in flour and salt. Bake in a greased 13" X 9 1/2" pan at 350° for 20 minutes. When you take it out of the oven lay a giant size Hershey bar on top. Let it sit for 5 minutes until it is soft enough to spread for frosting. Sprinkle with chopped nuts.

Diane Carlson

EMMA'S ICE BOX COOKIES-

The very best
1 lb. butter
2-1/2 c. sugar
3 eggs
1 T. molasses
1/4 t. salt
5-1/2 c. flour
1 t. baking soda
1 c. chopped nuts
1/2 t. vanilla

Form into rolls. Roll in flour. Wrap in waxed paper to chill. Slice very thin and bake in a 450° oven for 5 minutes.

Am Koch

POTATO CHIP COOKIE

2 sticks butter
1 c. sugar
1-1/2 c. flour
1/2 c. potato chips, crushed fine
1/2 c. nuts, cut fine

Cream butter, sugar, and flour. Combine chips and nuts. Make balls approximate size of hickory nuts and flatten on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes.

Flora Propati

HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING

One of the biggest musical comedy hits of theatrical history, **HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING**, will be presented from January 12 until March 5, 2000 at Drury Lane Oakbrook. In 1961, this light hearted look at corporate America opened on Broadway and the following spring it won both the Pulitzer Prize and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award. Based on a book of the same title by **Shepherd Mead**, this tale of wily ambitions has music and lyrics by **Frank Loesser** (**MOST HAPPY FELLA** and **GUYS AND DOLLS**); book is by **Abe Burrows** (**GUYS AND DOLLS**, **CAN-CAN**, **SILK STOCKINGS**), **Jack Weinstock** and **Willie Gilbert**.

Our hero is **J. Pierpont Finch**, a lively and good-natured young man who has been reading a book on how to get ahead in business while doing his duties as window washer. **Guy Adkins**, last seen at Drury Lane Oakbrook as **Peter Pan**, will play this master of the double cross who is determined to pyramid one promotion atop another. **J. B. Biggley**, the president of **World Wide Wickets** whom

Finch schemes to impress, will be played by **Joel Hatch**. Frump, the president's inept nephew who is always outflanked by **Finch** will be performed by **Rod Thomas**. The pretty secretary, who dreams of being a wife in the suburbs while keeping **Finch's** dinner warm is a Drury Lane favorite, **Heldi Ketterring** (**BRIGADOON**, **JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**) and **Hedy**, the most beautiful (and most mindless) girl in the stenographer's pool is another favorite

of Drury Lane Audiences, **Angela Berra**. Some of the others in the cast of 22 executives and secretaries include **Alene Robertson**, **Roger Mueller**, **Nancy Volgs**, and **Tammy Mader**.

Returning to Drury Lane Oakbrook to direct this bright and lively evening of lying, backstabbing and sucking up will be **Gary Griffin**. Previously Artistic Director at Drury Lane Oakbrook and now Co-Producer, this will be Mr. Griffin's first time back as director after relinquishing those duties to **Ray Frewen** (who will appear in **HOW TO SUCCEED... as Bratt**). Others on the creative team will be **Margaret James Bell** as music director, **Kurt**

Sharp as set designer, **Greg Slawko** as costumer designer, **Marla Lampert** as choreographer, and **Dan Mead** as sound designer.

Preview performances of **HOW TO SUCCEED IN BUSINESS WITHOUT REALLY TRYING** are

scheduled for Wednesday, January 12 through Sunday, January 16 at 2:30 pm. **HOW TO SUCCEED...** will open January 16 at 7:00 pm. The performance schedule preview week and thereafter is: Wednesdays at 8:00 pm; Thursdays at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm; Fridays at 8:30 pm; Saturdays at 5:30 pm and 9:00 pm; and Sundays at 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

Individual ticket prices range from \$19.00 to \$25.00 with dinner/show packages available. Tickets for **HOW TO SUCCEED...** are available at the Drury Lane Oakbrook Box Office window or by calling the Box Office at 630-530-0111. Tickets are also available at TicketMaster outlets and TicketMaster phone charge, 312-902-1500. Student prices are available for all shows. For Group Sales call 630-530-8300.

Treats any time of the year

PECAN HORNS

2 c. flour
1/2 lb. butter
egg yolk
3/4 c. sour cream

Work together as for pie dough. Let stand in refrigerator overnight. Divide dough into four parts and roll out each on floured board. Cut into triangles. Fill each triangle with filling.

Filling:

3/4 c. pecans
3/4 c. sugar
1 t. cinnamon

Roll each triangle up and shape into crescent. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet at 350° for 18 to 20 minutes.

Edith Erffteyer

NO BAKE CANDY COOKIES

2 c. sugar
1 T. cocoa
1 stick butter
1/2 c. milk
1/2 c. peanut butter
3c. raw oatmeal

Boil sugar, cocoa, butter, and milk for 1 minute. Beat in peanut butter. Add oatmeal. Drop by teaspoonsful on waxed paper. Let harden.



Barbara Peecher

HOMEMADE SUGAR COOKIES

1/2 c. butter or margarine
1/2 c. shortening
1 c. sugar
3 eggs
1-1/2 t. vanilla
3-1/2 c. sifted flour
1 t. baking soda
2 t. cream of tartar

Cream butter, shortening, and sugar; add eggs and vanilla and mix well. Sift flour, soda, and cream of tartar together. Gradually add flour mixture to creamed mixture and mix well. Chill 2 to 3 hours. Roll out on lightly floured surface to 1/8" thickness. Cut with cookie cutter. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 375° for 8 to 10 minutes. Frost with confectioners' icing. Trip with gumdrops, coconut, red cinnamon candies, or decorates if desired. Yield 5 dozen.

Birdie Reich

Hint: When rolling cookie dough use powdered sugar instead of flour on your board.

Theatre Alive

with Georgean Fitzgerald

That's what it was all about. THEATRE ALIVE. Resolution No. 3 Honoring Drury Lane Theatre, John Lazzara, Ray Lazzara and Mark Robin for keeping 'theatre alive. The occasion was a Village of Evergreen Park meeting on Monday, December sixth attended by some forty-five residents and chaired by his honor Mayor Anthony Vacco. A resolution was offered and approved honoring John and Ray Lazzara for their acting and production achievements and Mark Robin as artistic director who have been awarded six Jefferson awards over the past few years. As you may assume, these are comparable to "Oscar" awards in film production. Their creative success continues to draw large audiences who return again and again. Little wonder that Evergreen Park can be fondly referred to as the southwest side mini Broadway. Running currently is the holiday ice show.

DRURY LANE THEATRE, 2500 W. 95th St., Evergreen -Park, IL - 800-837- Play. AIDA at the Cadillac Palace Theater tells the story of a love triangle between Aida, a Nubian princess forced into slavery, Amneris, an Egyptian princess, and Radames, the soldier they both love. This marks the second stage collaboration for Elton John and Tim Rice. Their previous work on the stage production of The Lion King

Voice of Democracy winner at OLCHS

The English Department at Oak Lawn Community High School is pleased to announce its 1999-2000 winner for this year's Voice of Democracy Competition - Natalie Inman, a senior.

Writing on the theme of "America's Role in the Next Century," Natalie wrote as if she was the voice of democracy. Her thoughts reflected on the United States continuing to be a role model for other countries: a protector of idealism and human rights.

Natalie's essay will be entered at the regional level of competition, and she will be recognized during the Spring Recognition Assembly in May of 2000.

has become a Broadway phenomenon, winning the Tony Award and New York Drama Critics Awards in 1998 as best musical. Robert Falls, well-known to Chicago audiences as the artistic director of the heralded Goodman Theater was sent a copy of the AIDA script and copies of Elton's demos. Needless to say he was blown over by the story and having been looking for a love story to direct, he quickly took on the task. The story at the center of Disney's Aida is the same legend that became the libretto of Giuseppe Verdi's 1871 opera of the same name (commissioned by the Khedive of Egypt for the opening of the Suez Canal.) It's the tale of a captured Nubian princess played in this production by Northwestern graduate Heather Headley, who becomes the handmaiden to Princess Amneris, the Pharaoh's daughter. (Sherie Rene Scott), Aida whose noble rank is unknown to her captor, Radames (Adam Pascal) who happens to be Amneris' betrothed.

Each of the three individuals is torn between love and some higher socio-political duty. "It's a mythic story of doomed love set against extraordinary times says Falls ... against battle fields, warring countries, and racial prejudices. It's as contemporary as today's headlines." Falls was wise to select the perfect design partner; Bob Crowley a five-time Tony nominee. "I knew right from the beginning that I wasn't going to do Egypt in that cheesy, cliched way," Crowley said. Visually we wanted to create our own contemporary Egypt that draws on fashion runways and rock videos as well as on the ancient silhouette of the Nile and to mix in the Asian Middle Eastern, and Indian influences that were coming into that region of the world. "Visually Aida is as compelling as any Art Institute gallery with its remarkably creative and exciting sets ... a visual surprise to be sure. It should win the award for best set design. It was so exciting.

This musical can stand with the best of them. Thru Jan 9, Call 312-902- 1500. (L-R) Adam Pascal portrays Radames and



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Get to know your State Senator

PALOS PARK... State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R Palos Park) has filed petitions for reelection to the 18th District Senate seat in the first general election of the new millennium.

"As a lifelong resident of the southwest area, I understand the concerns of my fellow citizens and defend their interests as their State Senator in Springfield," O'Malley said, "I have worked since 1993 to make sure our neighborhoods and communities get the support and recognition they deserve. Together we can keep the southwest metropolitan region moving in the right direction."

O'Malley's petitions, filed Dec. 13 at the State Board of Elections in Springfield, had 6,020 signatures, more than 10 times the 600 signatures required to file for state legislative office.

The Palos Park Republican has offices at 12314 S. 86th Ave. in Palos Park (708/923-1818) and 129 State Capitol in Springfield (217) 782-5145.

As a strong advocate for tax relief and quality education, Senator O'Malley has led the fight to revise the current state school aid formula to make sure local schools receive their fair share of state education dollars." He has led the charge for a comprehensive study of the state's tax system to lay the groundwork for

meaningful tax reform. He championed a law that provides financial relief to those school districts in the south triad suburbs of Cook County adversely affected by the triennial assessment during the first year of the new formula.

He favors private school autonomy. He is seeking to restore local control and promote economic development by curtailing state and federal mandates on schools, municipalities, businesses and individuals.

He has passed legislation to ensure that statewide assessment exams administered by the State Board of Education are academically based, administered in a fiscally prudent manner and do not test a student's attitudes, values or beliefs.

He has sponsored laws curtailing the illegal activities of gangs and drug dealers.

O'Malley's legislation seeks to reform the Cook County property assessment system and to give Cook County property owners more rights in appealing their property taxes. He is also working to improve railroad crossing safety and has secured funding for major regional infrastructure improvements, including the reconstruction of the intersection of 127th and Cicero Avenue, construction of an interchange between I57 and I294, and the reconstruction

of 143rd Street (from Harlem Avenue to LaGrange Road).

He is a leading advocate for improving and enforcing the collection of child support payments to help keep children and their parents from falling into poverty.

The 18th District Senator is leading the effort to give community and state officials more control over payday loan and car title lenders. After months of public hearings and study by the Department of Financial Institutions, he introduced on Nov. 16 a comprehensive bill to regulate an industry known for charging outrageous interest rates.

He has successfully led the fight to repeal the state subsidy for garbage incinerator developers, saving Illinois taxpayers more than \$7 billion, and he continues to monitor the Robbins garbage incinerator for environmental violations and public safety concerns.

His legislation created a new offense of aiming a laser pointer at a peace officer. He also sponsored a new law that cracks down on persons who buy firearms intending to give them to others who are legally forbidden to own guns.

O'Malley is Chairman of the Senate Financial Institutions Committee; Vice chairman of the Senate Education Committee; member of the Senate Insurance and Pen-

sions Committee; and member of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

His civic activities include: Member of the Saint Xavier University Board of Trustees; member of the Advisory Board for Pregnancy Aid South Suburbs ("PASS"); member of the Mariet High School Board of Directors; member of the Advisory Board for the Veterans Leadership Program; director of Southwest Metropolitan Family Services; founding chairman and director of Metro Southwest Alliance; past chairman of the American Heart Association walkathon, former trustee and past president of the Board of Trustees of Palos Fire Protection District, former trustee of the Community Center Foundation; former director and chairman of the Palos Heights/Palos Park Unit of the American Cancer Society; chairman of the Marshall Field's Benefit for the Crisis Center for South Suburbia; member of the Board of Directors for the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Greater Chicago.

Among his many state and local honors are the 1999 Friend of Midlothian School District 143 Award; 1999 Presidential Commendation from the Illinois State Bar Association, 1999 Appreciation Certificate from PASS; 1999 Illinois Credit Union System's sponsor's Award;

1999 Leadership Award from Eagle Forum; 1999 Home School Defender of the Year Award; 1998 Bremen Township Certificate of Appreciation for "leadership on economic development in the southwest suburbs and for the dedicated services rendered to the citizens of Bremen Township; 1998 award from the American Association of Retired Persons; 1998 "Outstanding Legislator" award from the Illinois Bankers Association, 1998 "Serving Illinois Families" Award from the Concerned women for America; 1998 Leadership Award from the Illinois Family Institute for O'Malley's "extraordinary efforts in support of the full spectrum of issues important to families; 1998 "Salute to the Stars" Award from Christ Hospital's; 1997 Good Scouting Award from the Boys Scouts of America, Sauk Trail Chapter; 1997 Family PAC "Friend of the Family" Award; 1997 Illinois Christian Home Educators Coalition "Senator of the Year; 1996 Frederick Milton Thrasher Award for his anti-gang efforts from the National Gang Crime Research Center; 1996 Guardian, of Small Business Award from the National Federation of Independent Business, 1998 Legislator of the Year from the Suburban Area Agency on Aging; 1996 Taxpayer's Friend of the Year from the

Greater South Suburban Taxpayer's Association; 1998 Leadership Award from the Illinois Environmental Council; 1996 Legislative Leadership Award from the Illinois Soft Drink Association; 1996 Recognition Award from the American Legion; 1998 Family PAC "Friend of the Family" Award 1996-1998 Environmental Service Award from the American Lung Association; 1996 Service Award from the Home Builders Association of Illinois; 1996 Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award from the Northern Illinois Alliance of Fire Protection Districts; 1995 Outstanding Legislator Award from the Illinois Community College Trustees Association; 1995 Family PAC "Friend of the Family" Award; 1994 Golden Apple Award from the Illinois Statewide School Management Alliance; 1994 Service Award from the Illinois Veterans Leadership Program; 1994 E.G., Simpson Award from the Palos Heights Chamber of Commerce; 1993 Outstanding Freshman Legislator Award from the Illinois Statewide School Management Alliance, 1993 Outstanding Freshman Legislator Award from Illinois Health Geis Association; Member of Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

Born Oct. 22, 1950, in Evergreen Park Senator

O'Malley is one of 11 children. Graduated from St. Walter's Grammar School and Marist High School, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics and a Master's degree in Finance from Purdue University, and a Juris Doctor degree from the John Marshall Law School. He and his wife, Mary Judith have two children, Brigid and Patrick, Jr., a daughter-in-law, Elizabeth; and one granddaughter.

Senator O'Malley represents citizens in the communities of Alsip, Blue Island, Bremen Township, Chicago's 19th Ward, Chicago Ridge, Crestwood, Evergreen Park Markham, Merlonette Park, Midlothian, Oak Forest, Oak Lawn, Orland Park, Orland Township, Palos Heights, Palos Park, Palos Township, Potomac, Worth and Worth Township.

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Little Company to Host Parish Nursing Program

Evergreen Park, IL Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers will host a meeting for parish nurses and anyone interested in this area of nursing on Tuesday, January 25, 2000 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Hospital's Mary Potter Pavilion Meeting Room B. The featured speaker will be Ann Solaritwadell, Executive Director of the International Parish Nurse Resource Center. Parish nurses provide a vital link between health care and the community, and can be a valuable resource for those who are homebound. Come to learn more about a truly excellent program, and how you can make it happen! Refreshments will be served. To make reservations, please call 708/229-6043.

Library Board Meeting Date Change

The regular monthly meeting of the Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees has been changed to Tuesday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m., instead of January 18.

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., in the Oak Lawn Rotary Room, lower level.

Library board members include: Lee Stein, president; Patricia Roberts, vice president; Lois Gasteyer, secretary; Joann Buschbach, treasurer; Shirley Barrett, Robert Honkisz and Marian Sullivan, trustees.

Christ Hospital offers many programs in January

Prescription Analysis Service - A free "brown bag" prescription drug analysis service will be offered on Wednesday, January 5, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the main lobby of the hospital. By bringing in their prescription drugs, participants will receive detailed information from a registered pharmacist about the medications' benefits, side effects, possible drug interactions and instructions for use. This service is offered on the first Wednesday of every month. No registration required. *For more information, call the Senior Advocate office at 708-346-4150.*

Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders Support Group - A free support group for individuals who are suffering from an eating disorder will meet on Wednesdays, January 5 and 19, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the hospital's Green Room.

This group meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month.

New Voice Club Support Group - A free support group for individuals with a partial or total laryngectomy and their families will meet on Thursday, January 6, from 1 to 2 p.m. This group meets regularly on the first Thursday of every month.

The Week of January 10:

Post-Polio Support

Group - A support group for people who have had polio will meet Monday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. This group meets regularly on the second Monday of every month.

Meetings are free and family members and friends are welcome. No registration required.

Happy Hearts Support Group - A support group for individuals who have undergone open-heart surgery or have heart disease will meet on Tuesday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. Family members are welcome. Blood pressures are offered before the meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This free group meets regularly on the second Tuesday of every month.

Pediatric Diabetic

Support Group - A support group for children with diabetes and their parents will meet on Wednesday, January 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. in room 2176 of Hope Children's Hospital. This free group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from October through May. No registration required; however attendees are limited to children with diabetes and their parents.

Alzheimer's Support Group - A support group for families dealing with Alzheimer's and other dis-

eases related to aging will meet on Thursday, January 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Advocate Transitional Care Center, 10124 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. This free group meets regularly on the second Thursday of every month. No registration required. *For more information contact Frank Kowalik, Director of Social Services at 708-229-3059.*

Transitions - A free postpartum depression support group for women who have or are experiencing feelings of depression following birth, will meet on Thursdays, January 13 and 27, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Family Care Network office, 9312 S. Kilbourn, Oak Lawn. This group meets regularly on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. (Babysitting is not provided.) *Registration is required by calling Family Care Network at 800-216-1110.*

Crohn's Disease Support Group - A free support group for individuals suffering from Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis will meet on Thursday, January 13, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the hospital's Green Room. This group meets on the second Thursday of every month.

The Week of January 17:

Easy Breathers Pulmonary Support Group - A free support group for individuals with pulmonary disease problems will meet Monday, January 17, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the hospital's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. This group meets regularly on the third Monday of every month. No registration required.

Caring Connection - Small group sessions will be held for parents who have experienced the death of a child either through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death, on Monday, January 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Harbor Room. The Caring Connection, a free support group, meets on the third Monday of every month. No registration required.

Congestive Heart Failure Support Group - A support group for persons with congestive heart failure and their families will meet on Tuesday, January 18, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the hospital's Four Seasons Room. This free group meets regularly on the third

Tuesday of every month. No registration required.

Prostate Cancer Support Group - A free support and education group for men who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer, and their families and friends, will meet Tuesday, January 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Percy Hopkins Auditorium, B and C. This group meets on the third Tuesday of every month. No registration required.

Breast Prosthesis Display - This informative display provides women who have undergone mastectomy the opportunity to evaluate prosthesis options. Display session will be offered Wednesday, January 19, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Administrative Dining Room. The display is available the third Wednesday of every month.

Heart to Heart - A support group for individuals who have experienced a cardiac event such as a heart attack or arrhythmia, or have undergone treatment for heart disease including angioplasty, heart surgery or pacemaker installation, will meet on Wednesday, January 19, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 1044 of the Surgical Pavilion. This free group meets regularly on the third Wednesday of each month and family members are welcome. No registration required.

Breast Cancer Support Group - A support group for women who have a history of breast cancer and their families will meet on Wednesday, January 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Administrative Dining Room. This free group meets regularly on the third Wednesday of every month. No registration required.

P.O.P.S. (Pediatric Oncology Parents Support) - A support group for parents and caretakers of children with cancer will meet on Wednesday, January 19, at 7:30 p.m. in room 2176 of Hope Children's Hospital to support each other and help families of newly diagnosed children cope with their stress. This free support group meets regularly on the third Wednesday of every month. No registration required.

Senior Breakfast Club - Area seniors are invited to attend a free presentation Friday, January 21, from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. This program is part of a monthly

series of free talks for seniors held the third Friday of every month by the Senior Advocate department. Registration is necessary.

The Week of January 24:

Hand-n-Hand - A free support group of the Illinois Pediatric Brain Injury Resource Center will meet on Tuesday, January 25, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the hospital's Green Room. Providing information, resources and recreational opportunities for parents of children who have suffered a brain injury, the group regularly meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS OFFERED AT CHRIST HOSPITAL

Adolescent Smoking Cessation - The psychiatric and substance abuse department offers a three-session stop smoking program for adolescents ages 12 to 18. The program uses educational seminars, group discussion and relaxation exercises. Cost of the program is \$48. *For dates and to register, call Christ Hospital's behavioral health community liaison at 708-346-3065.*

Babysitting Classes - The staff of the newborn nursery offers babysitting classes periodically at Christ Hospital and Medical Center. Open to boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 16, these sessions are offered from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a one-day class, or 8 a.m. to noon for a two-day class. At this American Red Cross class, participants learn to be responsible babysitters. Topics covered include child growth and development, accident prevention, basic first aid and the Heimlich maneuver. The cost is \$20. *For next available class and to register, call Christ Hospital's HealthAdvisor at 1-800-323-8622.*

CPR Classes - The emergency medical services department of Christ Hospital and Medical Center offers CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) classes for the community every month. Fee for the two-night course is \$30 and participants must attend both sessions to become recognized as a CPR provider. Those requiring rerecognition need only attend the second session for \$20. Participants

may purchase a \$5 microshield at class to be used to protect against communicable diseases when administering CPR. Registration is necessary as class size is limited. *For information on the next available CPR class and to register, call Christ Hospital's HealthAdvisor at 1-800-323-8622.*

Emotions Anonymous - A free 12-step program for people who have had or are having emotional difficulties meets from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday in the hospital's Park and Michigan Rooms and every Friday in the Harbor, Park and Michigan Rooms. No registration required. *For more information, call Christ Hospital's HealthAdvisor at 1-800-323-8622.*

Overeaters Anonymous - A free support group for people who are compulsive eaters meets every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon in the hospital's Harbor Room. The only requirement for attendance is a desire to stop eating compulsively. *For more information or to register, call Christ Hospital's HealthAdvisor at 1-800-323-8622.*

Senior Exercise Program - The physical therapy department of Christ Hospital and Medical Center periodically offers stretching and low-impact exercise classes for seniors on consecutive Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes, led by a licensed physical therapist, are held from 5 to 6 p.m. in the hospital's physical therapy gym, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn. Cost is \$16. *For more information and to register, call Christ Hospital's physical therapy department at 708-346-5425.*

St. Denis Parish, 8300 So. St. Louis, Chicago, IL will present "Late Nite Catechism"

by Vicki Quade and Maripat Donovan on Saturday, February 5, 2000 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. Tickets are available now and may be purchased at the rectory. Call 773-434-3313 for more information.

All-Catholic League soccer players named at St. Laurence



ALL-CONFERENCE SOCCER PLAYERS Mr. Bob Hogan (center) of Chicago, Mt. Greenwood, a member of the St. Laurence High School's Soccer program, stands with this year's All Catholic League varsity soccer players, Dan Gutierrez (left) of Chicago; Archer Heights and Emmanuel Slovov of Burbank. Both were selected for their superior skills and talents throughout the season and for helping the Vikings advance to the second round of the IHSA playoffs.

New Discoveries Lecture Series

The New Discoveries Lecture Series at The Field Museum is dedicated to turning the Museum inside out through highlighting current ideas and research in the fields of Anthropology, Botany, Geology and Paleontology.

Unravelling the Economy of the Ancient Valley of Oaxaca, Mexico March 18, 2 p.m.

Hear from Gary M. Feinman, the new Chair of the Anthropology Department in his first public lecture at The Field Museum. Feinman Curator of Mesoamerican Archaeology, will introduce his almost 20 years of fieldwork in the Valley of Oaxaca, Mexico. The lecture focuses on diverse research strategies, including systematic regional settlement survey and house excavations. Feinman and his colleagues have implemented these strategies to decipher the systems of production and exchange that were employed by the ancient Zapotec peoples of Oaxaca. Cost is \$12 (\$10 students/educators, \$8 members). For ticket information, call The Field Museum Education Department at (312) 665-7400.

The Suburban Wild, April 20, 6:30 p.m.

Spend some time with author and field biologist Peter

Friederici, whose work explores the importance of our connections with the natural world. Though poetic and personal, his writings are nonetheless filled with good science and keen observation. Based on his book *The Suburban Wild*, Friederici's lecture will focus on the North Shore suburbs of Chicago, where wild geese share the same habitat as morning commuters and cicadas hum constantly on warm, summer evenings. Celebrate nature's miracles with Friederici and his thoughtful explorations of landscapes. Cost is \$12 (\$10 Students/Educators; \$8 Members). For ticket information, call The Field Museum at (312) 665-7400.

Medicine Quest:

In Search of Nature's Healing Secrets April 4, 6:30 p.m.

A pioneer in the field of ethnobotanical conservation, Dr. Mark Plotkin will weave an exciting tale of medicine, ecology, exploration, and adventure. Focusing on the wonder of nature's pharmacy, Plotkin will examine how scientists are harvesting it to conquer disease. The renown ethnobotanist worked 15 Years in South and Central Americas to learn about medicinal plant use from the shamans of indigenous peoples, a sojourn

made famous in his first book *Tales of a Shaman's Apprentice: An Ethnobotanist Searches for New Medicines in the Amazon Rainforest*. With his latest book, *Medicine Quest*, he transports readers from the freezing Arctic to the burning jungles looking for the sources of new medicines that could cure the diseases that plague our times. Dr. Plotkin is the president of the Amazon Conservation Team and a research associate at the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History. Cost is \$12 (\$10 Student/Educators; \$8 members). For ticket information, call The Field Museum Education Department at (312) 665-7400.

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on public transportation to The Field Museum, call the RTA Travel Center Hotline at 312/836-7000. For group tours, call 312/665-7300. For general Museum information, call 312/922-9410 (TDD for the hearing impaired 312/665-7009). www.fieldmuseum.org

The Field Museum salutes the people of Chicago for their long standing, generous support of the Museum through the Chicago Park District.

Library Hosts AARP 55 Alive Mature Driving Program

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host an AARP 55 Alive Mature Driving Program on two consecutive Saturdays, March 4 and 11 at 10 a.m. 2 p.m. An in person registration will begin Saturday, January 8.

This two day classroom refresher course is designed to help drivers age 50 and up improve their skills and develop defensive driving techniques. The class will be conducted by a representative of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). Many insurance companies offer reduced rates for drivers who complete the course.

Registrations will be taken at the library's Reception Booth, first floor, on a first come, first served basis. Limited to 35 participants. The \$10 workshop fee must be paid at the time of enrollment. Participants must attend both sessions. Coffee and snacks will be served.

A complete schedule of adult programs is available at the Oak Lawn Public Library Community Information Centers, first floor, or via the Internet at the library's web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us). For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.



St. Laurence Alumni Receive "Black and Gold Award"

Mr. Michael Reilly (center), a 1982 graduate of St. Laurence High School, is flanked by current St. Laurence students following an awards ceremony at which he and his brother received the school's "Black and Gold Award." Michael and James '79 were honored for their financial support, personal acumen, and helping to further the mission of their '79 Alma mater. The Reilly brothers started the Reilly Family Scholarship for St. Laurence students from St. Bede Grade School, and helped to finance over \$40,000 worth of upgrades in the school's main computer center, renamed in their family's honor. James also serves on the school's Board of Directors. Also, pictured are Student Council Representatives (lr) John Sturtevant, George Stavropolous, Vince Martinez and Dave Haim.

Three St. Laurence Students Win Scholarships To IIT

Mr. Thomas Ondra, principal of St. Laurence High School, has announced that three seniors have earned scholarships to the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Vince Catalano and Jeff Koss of Burbank, and Chris La Francis of Chicago's Garfield Ridge community were all awarded Camras/Next III Scholarships. Each one is valued at \$66,000 and can be used for undergraduate and graduate study.

Each student was awarded his scholarship based on their academic achievements and an interview with IIT personnel. All three students are on the "A" honor roll at St. Laurence.

Catalano is a member of the Computer Lab Assistant Program, participates on the bowling team and assists the varsity basketball program as manager and statistician. Koss is also a Computer Lab Assistant. He participates in volleyball, is a peer minister and was named a National Merit Commended student. La Francis was also named a National Merit Commended Student.



CHICAGO, ILL: Rich Fitzgerald extends an invitation to Governor George H. Ryan for the Irish American Alliance Annual Banquet January 16, 2:00 pm at the Martiniue Banquet Hall in Chicago.

Pictured left to right: Governor Ryan and Fitzgerald.

Expect Awestruck Travelers United Terminal To Become New Home For Field Museum's Giant Brachiosaurus

CHICAGO Beginning January 19, travelers passing through United Airlines Terminal One at O'Hare International Airport will be greeted by a colossal sight a four story tall model of a *Brachiosaurus*, the largest mounted dinosaur in the world. The dinosaur, currently a major attraction at Chicago's Field Museum, will be a permanent display in the B Concourse of United's Terminal One. The Field Museum is pleased to partner with United Airlines to introduce the *Brachiosaurus* to the millions of visitors who pass through O'Hare every year.

Presented to the airport by The Field Museum and United, the towering skeleton will help identify Chicago as a worldclass destination for dinosaur enthusiasts. The Field Museum is renowned for its exhibitions and research concerning dinosaurs and other prehistoric life. The *Brachiosaurus* (pronounced *Brock-eosaurus*) a plant eating dinosaur that lived 150 million years ago is modeled from

bones excavated in 1900 by Field Museum paleontologist Elmer Riggs. By moving the *Brachiosaurus*, The Field Museum will make room, for Sue, the largest and most complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil ever found. Sue will be unveiled in the Museum's Stanley Field Hall on May 17. A special satellite Field Museum Store at O'Hare will complement the display of the *Brachiosaurus*. Airport visitors may purchase merchandise pertaining to dinosaurs and other Field Museum exhibitions. For more information, the public may contact the Museum at 312-922-9410.

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Little Company Welcomes New Board Member

Evergreen Park Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is proud to announce the appointment of Frederick E. Wohlberg, M.D., a surgeon specializing in urology, to its Board of Directors.

In addition to his position on Little Company's board, Dr. Wohlberg has been a member of the Medical Staff of Little Company since 1975. Presently, Dr. Wohlberg is President of the Medical Staff.

Dr. Wohlberg graduated from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1968. He was Board Certified by the American Board of Urology in 1977, and is certified by the American board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians.

Following an internship and a year of General surgery residency at Cook County Hospital from 1968-1970, Dr. Wohlberg served as a Major in the Medical

Corps of the United States Air Force from 1970-1972. He then completed his Urology Residency at Hines VA Hospital from 1972-1975.

Dr. Wohlberg was recently included in *Castle Connolly's* How to Find the Best Doctors Chicago and in *The Center for the Study of Services* National Guide to Top Doctors.

He grew up in the Beverly neighborhood of Chicago and graduated from St. Ignace College Prep. He lives in Beverly with Marilyn, his wife of 29 years, their four children, and four grandchildren. He is past president of both the Chicago Urological Society and the Illinois State Urological Society.

Dr. Wohlberg spoke of his appointment to the Board: "I feel my involvement with the Board is a natural extension of my involvement with the Hospital. Little Company has been a keystone of my professional life. The Little Company of Mary Sisters have always been tremendously supportive of my efforts since I arrived here in 1975."

"The Hospital's mission and philosophy on patient care, and delivery of services is worthy of our respect

and support," he said. "The Hospital is an extended family of people working for the benefit of our patients that has been an integral part of our community for 70 years. I hope to bring my experiences as a physician to the Board of Directors as we plan for the next millennium at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers. I am honored to receive this position and look forward to serving the Hospital and the community with great enthusiasm."

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is owned and operated by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary. They are an international congregation of women founded by Venerable Mary Potter in 1877 in Nottingham England, to provide health care to the communities they serve. Since 1930, Little Company has been a community based hospital that provides advanced medical technologies in a friendly,

compassionate environment. With the power of prayer as a foundation for all of its efforts, Little Company is committed to being a healing presence in this community.



Frederick E. Wohlberg, M.D.

arrive by 7:45 AM and will be finished between noon and 12:30 pm. The students will need two #2 pencils, the \$20 test fee and are reminded to eat a good breakfast.

St. Francis de Sales is a small, coed, Catholic high school located at 10155 South Ewing Avenue in Chicago. For additional information please call 773-731-7272, extension 37.

Lemont: Franciscan Village campus hosts third, annual "all you can eat" spaghetti dinner, Sunday, February 20, from noon to 4:00 p.m. Tickets sold at the door only. Adults \$6.00, children age 4 through 11 years, \$3.00, children age 3 and under, free. Please join us for spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, beverage and dessert, Sunday, February 20! The Franciscan Village campus is located on Main Street west of Walker Road, Lemont. Questions, call 630/257-3377 ext 318, Franciscan Village campus, the best kept secret in Lemont.

Giving transcends age

Students spend money on others they never met.

Bridgeview, December 16, 1999. In keeping with the Islamic tradition of offering charity during the holy month of Ramadan, Universal School students of all grade levels are finding money and other items to give to the needy.

"We are sponsoring two Chechn children with \$800.00," said Ms. Rola Jaber, sponsor of the student led Iman Club which focuses its time toward community service. According to Jaber, they have a goal of a goal of "sponsoring at least two more children." "We also started a toy drive," IMAN President Shaista Shaik said, "and we plan to give the toys to SANAD," a private organization in Chicago that helps battered women and their children.

The Girls Student Council is holding a shoe drive where they will send new donated shoes to children in Bosnia and Chechnya. "We are really motivated to help those who don't have what we simply take for granted," president Rchan Rashid said.

The elementary students are also filling their coffee cans with allowances and pocket change. The fifth grade class has raised over \$200.00 for a local needy person and the third grade

has raised almost \$1000.00 to sponsor an orphan as well. "The month of Ramadan gives my students the feeling of accomplishment and contribution by putting themselves second to those in need," states third grade teacher Mrs. Khalood Mohamad.

Ramadan is the month where Muslims fast from food and drink from sunrise to sunset and are encouraged to practice excellence in moral and ethical conduct. Universal School is Chicago's largest private Islamic day school teaching an ethnically diverse student body of 600 children grades preschool through 12.

Bridgeview, December 15, 1999: From microbiology to psychology, Universal School's annual science fair proved impressive with marked improvements in the projects delivered by students grades 610 who received their awards on December 7.

"I was very impressed with how our winning projects were so well executed," stated Science Department Chair Ms. S. Syed, "The students learned a lot and did an excellent job in presenting their material" Syed added that many students qualified for the Regional Non Public School Science Expo to be held in March at the Museum of Science and Industry. The following are the first place winners, and their respective grade levels:

| Grade | Boys | Girls |
|-------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 6 | Ahmed Al-Asgar | Laura Khorshid & Nour Sulieman |
| 7 | Waleed Abubaker | Aamna Meah |
| 8 | Rami Yasin | Israa Ahmad |
| 9 | Ahmad Osman & Hamza AN | Banan Said |
| 10 | Mohammad Khudeira | Reem Osman |

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Children Read to Succeed with the Chicago Wolves Player

Chris LiPuma, a Defenseman for the Chicago Wolves hockey team, will appear at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., Tuesday, January 4, at 6:30 p.m.



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and gives instruction on how to begin their own team. Evers is now planning to begin a Christian drama team, made up of volunteers, who in their spare time will use skits as a vehicle to tell people about the love of God. If you are interested in auditioning to be part of this volunteer group, and you're at least 21 years of age, send a non-returnable photo of yourself (any size) along with 2 self-addressed stamped envelopes to: John Evers, P.O. Box 1847, Bridgeview, IL 60455. You will be sent information and later, an audition date/location once that has been established. For those of you who are interested in having John conduct a drama workshop for your group, church, school, or class, you may write Mr. Evers at the same address and request information and a rate sheet.

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Annual Chicago Area Runners Benefit and Awards Party Saturday, January 15, 2000

CARA BENEFIT AND AWARDS PARTY: CARA (Chicago Area Runners Association) kicks off new millennium with annual benefit and awards, dinner, music by a top local rock band,

dancing, a raffle and silent auction to support CARA.

WMAQ TV sportscaster and former Chicago Bear Mike Adamle will host the event. Adamle himself is an avid runner and a triathlete,

most recently having finished the LaSalle Banks Chicago Marathon. 6-11 p.m., Saturday, January 15, at the Lodge at McDonald's, 2815 Jorie Boulevard, in Oak Brook. A party bus from

Chicago to the suburbs is being arranged, with limited seating by reservation.

Tickets are \$45 per person or \$400 for a table of 10. Call CARA at 312-666-9836 or check out the Web site, www.CARARUNS.org.

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GLENVIEW PARK DISTRICT TAKES ADVANTAGE OF COOK COUNTY PCB AND MERCURY CLEANSWEEP PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM TO RECYCLE POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

GLENVIEW, IL - The Glenview Park District recently recycled hundreds of fluorescent lamps, lights, batteries and ballasts that contained potentially harmful PCBs and/or mercury, preventing them from harming the surrounding environment or residents. The pickup at the Glenview Park District maintenance shed was sponsored by the Cook County PCB and Mercury CleanSweep Partnership Program. CleanSweep helps businesses recycle potentially hazardous waste materials like ballasts.

According to Mike Sullivan, Maintenance Supervisor for the Park District, awareness of the opportunity was sparked at a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 public health seminar. The CleanSweep recycling campaign was outlined and potentially harmful aspects of improper disposal were discussed.

"CleanSweep is designed to alert area businesses and municipal governments about good environmental citizenship," said Kathy Clancy, project leader for the CleanSweep program.

"We saw this as a fantastic opportunity to continue with our existing recycling

program," Sullivan said. "Also, CleanSweep offered a reduced cost to the district."

The Glenview Park Services Division has been active in recycling fluorescent lamps and ballasts since 1996. In conjunction with other lighting upgrades and facility renovations, the district's first recycling efforts resulted in a disposal of 600 lbs. of ballasts and 375 lbs. of various lamps.

"We will continue recycling lamps and ballasts and hope to identify other items that pose an environmental danger," Sullivan said.

- 180 100w metal halide HID lamps

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- 640 lbs. Of PCB ballasts
- 236 T-12 fluorescent lamps, and 30 T-8s

- 25 lbs. Of alkaline batteries

Why Recycling Is Important

When materials like fluorescent bulbs or ballasts are not recycled, they have the potential to break and leak toxins. PCBs and mercury actually travel through the air and water, and have found their way into Lake Michigan and other local waters.

In Northern Illinois alone,

there are 18 million bulbs, each with 28 to 30 mg of mercury. "This is a serious problem," Clancy explains. "By recycling, property owners can eliminate the potential for accidental spills, which could result in liability threats from exposure to workers and the community."

EPA recognized the need for an outlet for such wastes for small businesses and local government agencies. Public and private partners were organized and built a non-regulatory, convenient and low-cost incentive program - The Cook County CleanSweep Partners.

"This is exactly like a household hazardous waste day," says Fred Gullen, Superintendent of Park Services in Glenview, "however it's for businesses and government organizations like us. It's a great convenience."

How the CleanSweep Program works:

- Call toll-free, 1-888-SWEEP-22, for a checklist of qualifying materials and a pricing summary.

- The program runs through December 31, 1999 and includes handling of PCB and mercury materials.

- Materials can be dropped off at a location or

can be picked up for an additional fee.

- The Cook County Partners will pay for one-half of the disposal costs.

If businesses drop off the materials, the Partners will pay the drop-off fee.

"CleanSweep has to be judged a success here at

Glenview," Mike Sullivan said. "When you can increase recycling efforts and do the right thing, that's just good news all around."



From left: Jim Garrett, President/CEO, Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau; Kirsten Jenkins, Senior Sales Executive, CSCVB; Kevin Morrey, General Manager, Radisson Hotel Alsip; Ellen Tiller, Director of Sales, Radisson Hotel Alsip.

Radisson Hotel Alsip named "Hotel Partner of the Year"

Lansing, IL - The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau named the Radisson Hotel Alsip their "Hotel Partner of the Year" at the first presentation of a new award designed to recognize the work of the Bureau's hotel and motel partners. The award was presented to Radisson Hotel Alsip General Manager Kevin Morrey and Director of Sales Ellen Tiller at the Bureau's annual Holiday Reception, held December 9 at the Radisson Hotel Alsip.

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau developed the "Hotel Partner of the Year Award" to recognize Southland hotels and motels which convert Bureau-generated leads into definite business. Since the award's introduction seven months ago, the Radisson Hotel Alsip has converted over 40 leads into definite business, bringing hundreds of thousands of dollars into the Chicago Southland economy.

"The Hotel Partner of the Year Award was created as a way of recognizing the partnership between the Bureau and the hotels and motels it represents," said Jim Garrett, President and CEO of the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau. "All of the Chicago Southland hotels and motels work closely with the Bureau's sales staff to book new meetings and events in the Chicago Southland, which ultimately brings economic benefits to the entire region."

"We'd like to congratulate the Sales and Catering staff of the Radisson Hotel Alsip on winning this year's award and recognize all of the Chicago Southland hotels and motels that have made this Program a success," Garrett said. "We encourage all of our hotel and motel Partners to continue to build on the successes we've achieved thus far in the 'Hotel Partner of the Year Program,' and look forward to an even more productive 2000."

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau also presented awards to participants in its "TEAM Chicago Southland" sales referral program. TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) Chicago Southland is designed to keep overflow business in the Southland region.

All TEAM Chicago Southland hotel and motel salespersons that referred business back to the Bureau were entered into a drawing for two roundtrip airline tickets on ATA. Kelly White of the Holiday Inn Oak Lawn won the drawing for the ATA tickets.

Janice Shanahan of the Baymont Inn Alsip was recognized as the salesperson with the most referrals for the year. She won a \$50.00 gift certificate for Balagio Ristorante in Homewood, plus a leather portfolio and a Bureau denim shirt.

The two programs - Hotel Partner of the Year and TEAM Chicago Southland - will be renewed and updated for 2000.

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Achieving "Honor Roll" for the first quarter, 4th grade are Steven Laiter and George Owen. 6th grade are Lauren Fredericks, Rachel Lithgow, William Shanahan, and Dennis Smock. 7th grade honor roll achiever is

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Moore opens headquarters

Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, has opened his headquarters for the Recorder of Deeds position in the upcoming primary election in March of 2000.

Recorder Moore was elected to four terms as a member of the Illinois House of Representatives. In January of 1999 he was appointed by Cook County Board President, John Stroger and the Board of Commissioners to the position he presently holds. He succeeded Jesse White who went on to become the Illinois Secretary of State.



Pictured above with Recorder Moore (left) is United States Senator Richard Durbin. Durbin was one of many distinguished guests in attendance. Over 400 people were on hand.

Ed McElroy of Chicago radio and television for many years was the Master of Ceremonies.

Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds & Richard Durbin, United States Senator.

Runners Kick Off Millennium -with Party Annual Chicago Area Runners

It's one of the first big runners event of the new millennium and there's no running involved. Hundreds of runners will kick back and have a good time at the annual CARA (Chicago Area Runners Association) benefit party and awards ceremony on Saturday evening, January 15, at the Lodge at McDonald's in Oak Brook.

The party will feature awards, dinner, music by a top local rock band, dancing, a raffle and silent auction to support CARA. With more than 7000 members, CARA has been promoting running for 21 years.

WMAQ TV sportscaster and former Chicago Bear Mike Adamle will host the event. Adamle himself is an avid runner and a triathlete, most recently having finished the LaSalle Banks Chicago Marathon.

"The Chicago area is enjoying a new boom in running and we're heading strong into the year 2000," said David Patt, chief executive officer of CARA. "Participation is up at every level from the largest crowds ever at the Chicago Marathon to more runners out every day just having fun and getting in shape."

At the party, CARA will honor top runners in the area. The "Runners of the Year," awards based on

overall race performance highest total points in CARA circuit races - will be presented to the top male runner, Grzegorz Olszowik of Willowbrook, and the top female, Kayoko Hamamura of Chicago. Awards also will go to age group winners in the 1999 CARA race circuit which included 20 races throughout the year.

"Chicago is a highly competitive running scene," commented Vic Heckler, president of CARA. "Some fast times were posted in races this year, and there are a lot of outstanding up and coming runners to watch."

CARA's prestigious Gold Medal award recognizing outstanding achievement in running will be presented to Carey Pinkowski, the executive race director of the LaSalle Banks Chicago Marathon.

"Carey has made the Chicago Marathon a truly worldclass event where records are set. He has advanced the sport of running not only in Chicago, but nationally and internationally," said Patt. He noted that CARA's Gold Medal is not presented each year, but only when a significant achievement has been made.

CARA programs include one of the largest marathon training programs in the country, with 1400 partici-

pants, and the largest 8K race in the country, the LaSalle Banks Shamrock Shuffle, held in Chicago in March. CARA also offers training for beginners, clinics, a race circuit and serves as a running advocate.

The CARA benefit and awards ceremony is 6-11 p.m., Saturday, January 15, at the Lodge at McDonald's, 2815 Jorie Boulevard, in Oak Brook. A party bus from Chicago to the suburbs is being arranged, with limited seating by reservation.

Tickets are \$45 per person, including dinner and entertainment. Groups may reserve a table of 10 for \$400.

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Update

The Central Avenue Bypass

As you may know, the Central Avenue Bypass is a proposed four-lane roadway connecting Central Avenue and Narragansett Avenue at the Belt Railway Company's Bedford Park Yard. The Central Avenue Bypass is designed to provide a new north-south corridor, connecting the Stevenson Expressway to suburbs like Oak Lawn, Burbank and Bedford Park. This will help ease the severe congestion that motorists now experience on Cicero and Harlem Avenues, the two existing north-south arterial streets. It will also improve access to Midway Airport, which is responsible for a lot of the increased traffic in the area.

The Central Avenue Bypass is vital to meet the future transportation needs of Southwest Chicago and Cook County. As a major proponent of the Central Avenue Bypass for many years, I worked to have it included in the National Highway System Designation Act of 1994. As a result, the Central Avenue Bypass, although it does not yet exist, is part of the National Highway System. As part of the National Highway System, the Central Avenue Bypass is now eligible for federal funds. In 1998, \$3.7 million in federal funds for the Central Avenue Bypass was included in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21). Most recently, I joined with local state representatives to convince State leaders to include funding for the Central Avenue Bypass in Illinois FIRST, the 5-year, \$12 billion transportation investment program for Illinois. As a result, Illinois FIRST included \$70 million for the Central Avenue Bypass.

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Senate Fails To Reenact Safe Neighborhood Act

SPRINGFIELD State Sen. Patrick O'Malley (R Palos Park) says he is extremely disappointed that the Illinois Senate failed to pass legislation reinstating the Safe Neighborhood Act, which has been credited with deterring gang crime around Illinois for five years.

Lawmakers were called back to Springfield by Gov. George Ryan for a Special Session Dec. 13 to deal with the Safe Neighborhood Act, which was declared unconstitutional Dec. 2 by the Illinois Supreme Court. O'Malley said in the ensuing nine days, no progress was made toward compromise because of regional disagreements over the penalty for unlawful use of a weapon.

"The Legislature and the Governor are at an impasse. We are no closer to an agreement than we were nine days ago, notwithstanding that the Senate Republican Caucus offered 11 compromise proposals on the issue of unlawful use of a weapon," O'Malley said. "Recognizing the impasse, I offered an amendment Dec. 21 that would have reinstated all those elements that are not controversial and for which we are in agreement. Interestingly enough, this measure received more votes in the Senate than any other proposal, but was still three votes short of the three-fifths majority needed to reinstate the Safe Neighborhood Act immediately."

The 8th District Senator said any senator failing to support the reinstatement legislation voted against a law designed to make Illinois neighborhoods safer places.

"The people of Illinois expect us to work together and reenact those elements we agree on - now not later," O'Malley said. "All the provisions we put forth today are not controversial and should have been supported overwhelmingly."

O'Malley's amendment included 30 sentencing enhancements, created the offense of gunrunning, and provided additional aggravating factors in sentencing. Specifically it called for:

- Increased penalties for unlawful sale of firearms, unlawful possession of firearms and armed violence;
- Increased penalties for intimidation or harassment of jurors;
- The creation of the offense of gunrunning;
- Increases the penalty for

defacing identification marks on firearms;

- Makes it a felony to possess a firearm in violation of conditions of bail;

- Increases the minimum and maximum penalties for the offenses of attempted first degree murder, aggravated battery with a firearm and aggravated discharge of a firearm;

- Expands the scope of the offenses of prostitution, solicitation of a sexual act, pandering, pimping, juvenile pimping, and exploitation of a child;

- Requires the Department of Corrections to provide notice of the escape or release of certain offenders;

- Expands the scope of the Act pertaining to the sexual exploitation of a child;

- Increases the penalties for possession of a firearm without a valid FOID card.

- Increases the penalty for certain types of aggravated DUI provides for prison terms up to 12 years in certain circumstances.

- Provides minimum and enhanced penalties for driving with a revoked or suspended license.

Programs, City of Chicago Treasurer Olivia Gow, Elmhurst, member of the DuPage County Board Vice President for Planning Alan L. Bennett, Trustee, Village of Elmwood Park Vice President for Water Resources A. E. Machak, Waukegan former member of the North Shore Sanitary District.

The Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission is the comprehensive planning agency for the six county metropolitan area. In addition to planning, the agency provides technical and research assistance and reviews state and federal grant requests for local governments.

He also commented on the future direction of the agency and its new director Ron Thomas.

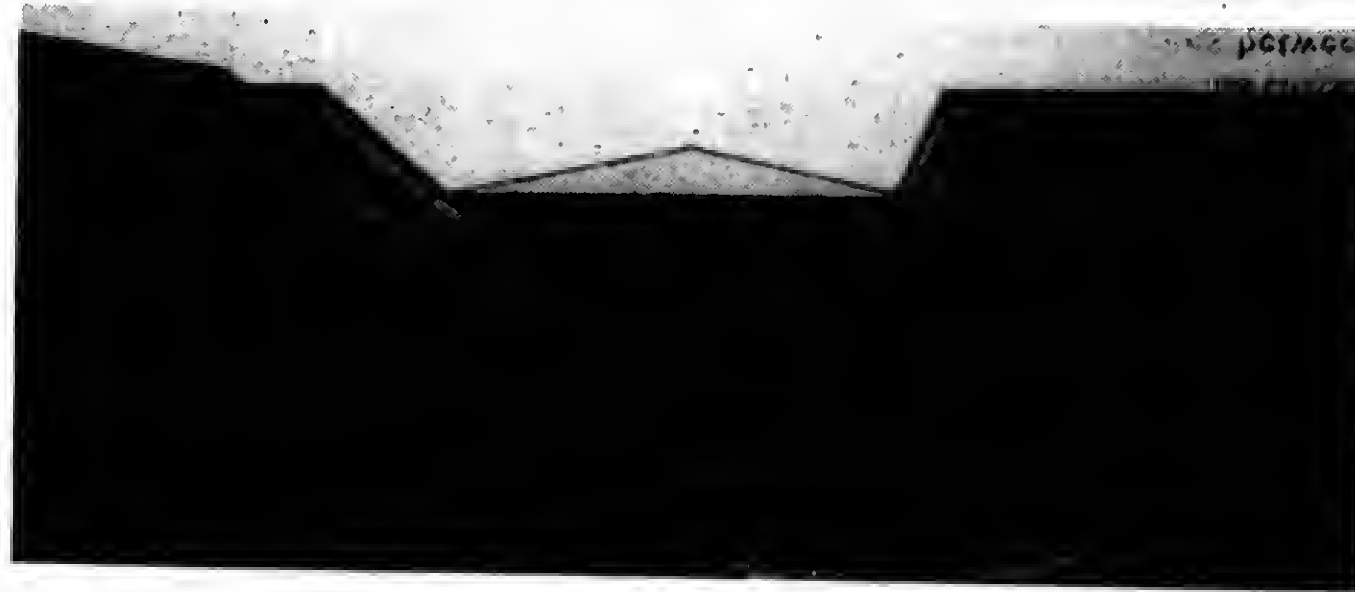
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Vice President Frank Miller, Aurora, member of the Regional Transportation Authority Secretary Rita R. Athas, Director of Regional

Herbert T. Schumann was re-elected president of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission (NIPC), Thursday, December 16, 1999, by the board of commissioners.

President Schumann summarized the Commission's accomplishments over this past year including the adoption of the Regional Water Trails Plan and the Biodiversity Recovery Plan.

Schumann Re-elected President



Chicago Ridge levies taxes for 2000

By Jude Coyle

The Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees faced the unwanted task of approving the budget and levying property taxes for the year 2000. First came the budget. The Board approved an expected outlay of \$15,000,000. This would be covered by the sale of business vehicle tag, sales taxes etc. \$2,758,000 will come from property taxes. This is a 2.8% or \$76,388 increase over the year 1999. Mayor Seigel wanted to make it known that of that amount, the Village has no control over moneys collected to pay workers' compensation, liability insurance, tort immunity, the Library's portion, police and fire pension funds and F.I.C.A., which comes to approximately 1.8 million. These taxes will cover the cost of operation in the year 2000, but will not be collected until 2001.

Presentations were made. Leaders from 'Boy Scout Troop 665 presented a plaque to Clerk Charles Tokar, thanking him for the monetary support they've received from Ridgefest. They also presented a plaque to Mayor Seigel, thanking him for the continuing support they've received during the past 12 years that they have been

chartered. Mayor Seigel then presented certificates to Mary Ellen Schroeder and Beth Ryniak, commending them on 300 Hours of community service. Both girls were recognized through the Sheriff's office.

Engineer Chris Burke and Superintendent of Public Works Jack Lind discussed the removal of gas tanks from the old Public Works Building at 10500 Oxford, and the Fire House. According to last year's ***federal mandate, all Abandoned tanks were to be removed within two years. Chicago Ridge has two. The Board approved \$20,000 towards the cost of removal, and approved a company named Mankoff to do the job.

Their job also includes testing the soil about the tanks for leaks, and removing contaminated soil for cleansing. Mankoff's on site chemist reported that they had greatly underestimated the cost. No off site migration had been reported, but the ground about the tanks were more heavily saturated with gas than expected. Work ended at both sites until more money could be approved. Dr. Burke and Mr. Lind asked the Board to approve another \$15,000.

The tanks were replaced with state of the arts equipment.

Mayor Seigel and Attorney George Witous discussed an agreement between Oak Lawn and Chicago Ridge. The Garvey Building, a new strip mall at Ridgeland and Southwest Highway, sits on the border of both towns. Each Village will collect sale taxes according to how much of the building sits in each town. Oak Lawn will receive 12%. Currently, there are several empty stores, a mattress store and a jewelry store. Mayor Seigel expressed his disappointment. This is not the first time a business has crossed boundary lines between Chicago Ridge and a neighboring community. He cited a gentlemen's agreement he had with former Mayor Kominga of worth concerning Stumps Pub and their banquet halls, their and Thorton Gas. He felt that this situation should have been handled without attorneys or the extra fuss.

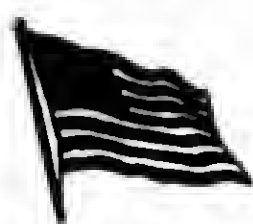
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Editorial

By: F.J. Soczek

Reverend Dan Willis' prayers were answered Tuesday night.

Following a private, executive session of the Oak Lawn Board of Trustees held "for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining, probable or imminent litigation and the acquisition of real property," a recently approved "Residential Only" parking restriction involving the area surrounding the Lighthouse Church, 9841 S. 55th Ave. was tabled indefinitely.

On December 14th, the Board acquiesced to a small, vocal contingent of residents who complained of "blocked driveways" and related parking problems on the streets adjacent the

Lighthouse Church. By a 5-1 vote (Trustee Keane dissenting) the Board approved a "Residential Permit Parking Only" restriction.

Reverend Willis, Pastor of the Lighthouse Church, questioned the logic (and perhaps legality) of the hasty decision. In a bulletin entitled "Neighborhood Notes" (published to familiarize residents with local ordinances) it clearly states "Vehicles may not be parked on or over a sidewalk, in front of a public or private driveway, or on a public parkway."

No mention was ever made of the number of tickets that were issued for alleged violations of this long standing ordinance in the areas adjacent the Lighthouse Church.

The question of an "on street" parking dilemma appears moot, as almost all of the homes have private drives for personal use.

If police enforced existing

laws designed to ensure effective traffic regulations, the rationale behind the highly restrictive "permit only" ordinance clearly warrants further examination.

Reverend Willis' suggestion of racial prejudice sadly rekindled memories of past indiscretion and intolerance fostered by the Village. In an introspective (albeit belated) re-evaluation of the issue, the disposition of the hushed, "unspeakable" problem was swept aside with a "No comment" explanation by Trustee Steve Rosenbaum.

From most politicians, such a remark would be interpreted as "Go away. I don't want to talk about it..."

In this case, a normally candid and forthright individual was saying "I really can't discuss it at this time...I hope you understand..."

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OK Funds for New Burbank Fire Station

Officials gather for signing of contract paving the way for release of \$1.8 million in state funds to build a new fire station at 8457 S. Mayfield Ave. in Burbank. Grant was approved by Gov. George Ryan as part of his Build Illinois program at the request of State Sen. Louis Viverito. Shown in old station as papers were signed are (seated, left to right) Dean Viverito, Burbank treasurer; Harry Klein, mayor of Burbank; John Pavlou, assistant director of the State Fire Marshal's office; Marty Kreil, Burbank fire chief; standing (from left) Edward Wadas, township clerk; Lester Soliday, Burbank alderman; Melvin Northcutt, firefighter; Joe Pesce, firefighter; State Sen. Louis Viverito; Fire Capt. Dave Gilgenberg; Bob Peters, township health district administrator; Fire Capt. Rich Harper; Daniel Foy, Burbank alderman; Bob Zwolinski, township highway commissioner, and John Trapp, firefighter. Present 50-year-old station is inadequate and outdated; living quarters for firemen are cramped and crumbling. New station is scheduled for completion next Fall. Station recently obtained a new fire truck purchased at a cost of \$240,000 to replace an old 1960 model. Sign on table proclaimed city's appreciation to Governor Ryan for making funds available.

MWRD 1999 Annual Message

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago began the century with an amazing feat—reversing the course of the Chicago River. Where thousands of residents were threatened with a polluted source of drinking water as the nineteenth century came to a close, the new century dawned with the promise of Lake Michigan remaining clean and safe. Now we close the twentieth century with more progress than could ever have been imagined by our ancestors.

Technical expertise and engineering skill have resulted in projects that enhance the environment and improve the quality of life. Two of these projects, the reversal of the Chicago River and the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan, were recognized in 1999 by the editors

of Engineering News Record magazine as among the most significant in their 125-year publishing history.

The Water Environment Federation presented the District with its 1999 award for Outstanding Achievement in Water Quality Improvement. The District has won the award twice in one decade, evidence of the District's constant commitment to excellence in protecting the water environment. This prestigious award is also testament to the High degree of professionalism that results in measurable improvements throughout the waterways.

The Board of Commissioners is especially pleased that two of the bond rating agencies, Moody's Investors Service and Fitch IBCA, upgraded the rating for the District's outstanding bonds,

based on the District's sound financial budgeting, reporting and management practices. These upgrades will mean substantial savings for the taxpayers in the District.

The Government Finance Officers' Association presented a Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting to the District and for Distinguished Budget Presentation for 1998. We are proud to receive this recognition regularly from GFOA, and our goal is to maintain the high standards that bring us these awards each year.

The Board of Commissioners adopted an ordinance in 1999 that provided for an abatement of \$14 million in real estate taxes. Our annual pledge to taxpayers to use their resources wisely and conservatively results in real savings for the citizens

of the District.

In May of this year, the District signed a Project Cooperation Agreement with Assistant Secretary of the Army Joseph Westphal and Brig. General Hans VanWinkle of the United States Army Corps of Engineers for design and construction of the McCook Reservoir. This reservoir will be the largest of the three planned reservoirs in the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan. The signing of the agreement signals the beginning of flood relief for 147,000 homes and businesses in the Chicago and 36 northern and western suburbs. Flood relief benefits from this reservoir are estimated to be \$83.2 million annually.

Phase I of the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan, begun in the 1970s, is coming close to

completion. More than 93 miles of the planned 109 miles are now in operation. Construction of the 8.1 mile Torrence Avenue Leg is progressing on schedule. The Chicago, Calumet and Des Plaines Rivers have all benefited from combined sewer overflows being captured in the tunnels rather than being released into the environment.

I would like to end my last message of the 1990s by commending my fellow members of the Board of Commissioners for their vision of a better environment and their commitment to making that vision a reality. I would also like to thank the General Superintendent, the Department Heads and the dedicated staff of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District for the fine work they do everyday in carrying out the policies set by the Board.

President
Terrence J. O'Brien

Little Company of Mary Women's Wellness Weekend February 25, 26 and 27 – "A New Attitude"

Begin the new millennium with a new you! Add special ingredients to your life that will bring energy, joy and a renewal of the spirit. Cosponsored by Women's Wellness Consultants at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers and the Oak Lawn Hilton, this weekend is truly the chance of a lifetime to bring your life into balance. The Women's Wellness Weekend – "A New Attitude" provides a two-night stay, delightful meals, back massage, interesting workshops, exercise and much time for laughter, relaxation and more! Call (708) 424-9988 for more information and/or to request a reservation form.

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Pictured above are Gerry Sharp (left) and Dan Latona. St. Rita High School seniors nominated for the National Honor Society Scholarship competition.

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Joseph Molek Honored at Idea Prevention Conference

CHICAGO, IL — Joseph Molek, a Junior from Reavis High School in Burbank, Illinois was honored at the Illinois Drug Education Alliance (IDEA) 17th annual Prevention Conference. Danny was presented with the 1999 Red Ribbon Poster Award for his outstanding poster in the category of Grades 9-12th.

"Joe's poster sent a clear message to travel through life drug free," IDEA President Joyce Lohrentz said. "He is a fine example of our young people today and has definitely made the right choices in his life. Congratulations Joe."

The award was received at IDEA's 17th annual prevention conference, titled ALL ABOARD—DESTINATION DRUG FREE, which was held November 21 and 22, 1999 at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, Chicago. Nearly 2,000 students and adults, from throughout Illinois, joined together to hear nationally and internationally known speakers discuss drug prevention. IDEA, one of the largest grass-roots prevention organization in the nation, is a statewide volunteer coalition of citizens and community organizations. It is dedicated

to the goals of drugfree youth and the prevention of illegal, destructive, unsafe or unhealthy use of alcohol and other drugs.

IDEA's 18th annual prevention conference will be held in Peoria, Illinois next year. For more information contact Conference Chair JoAnne Indre (630/369-2057) or Conference Coordinator Fran Massie (309/664-1612).

McAuley Music Students Recognized

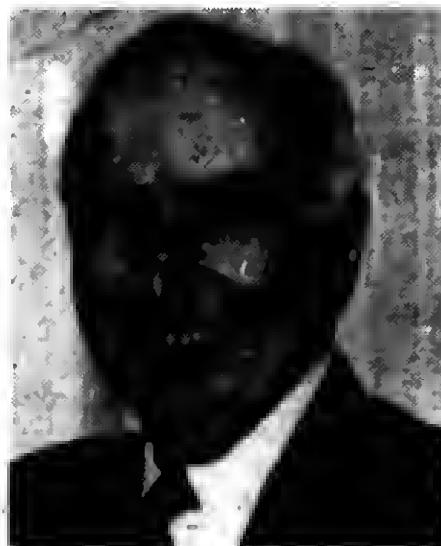
Congratulations to the following Mother McAuley High School music students who have been chosen by audition to participate in the DePaul All-Catholic Band on January 15: Seniors, Megan Lomonof (Oak Lawn), Rebecca Meehan, Delia Sintos, Victoria Walters, and Sarah Wiechert; Junior, Christina Chakos; and Sophomores, Jennifer Zeszutko and Melanie Rahman.

Kudos to the students chosen to audition for participation in the District Music Festival held in Joliet -in November: Seniors, Megan Lomonof and Victoria Walters; and Junior, Kelly Kolton. The McAuley Music Department is also proud to announce that Megan Lomonof will participate in the Illinois State Festival in Peoria from January 27-29. Congratulations to all these accomplished musicians!

George O'Hare to address Beverly Ridge Lions

George O'Hare, Senior Citizen Advocate for Maria Pappas, Treasurer of Cook County, will speak before the Beverly Ridge Lions Club, Thursday, Jan. 20, following a 12 noon lunch at the Beverly Woods Restaurant, 11532 S. Western Ave.

Bob Olszewski, coordinator, announced that O'Hare, a Motivational Speaker, will introduce the group to Senior Citizen Advocacy and enlighten them on the workings of Treasurer Pappas' office.



"Mr. Accentuate The Positive," George O'Hare, is in his second career. He served as Director of Senior Advocacy for the Illinois Attorney General's Office under Neil Hartigan and later as the Chief of The Speakers Bureau for Attorney General Roland Burris after 34 years of dedicated service at Sears Roebuck & Company in the Merchandising and Sales Division. He has his own T.V. program on Chicago Access Cable Channel 19. Mr. O'Hare is one of Chicago's most sought after speakers and truly enjoys what he is doing.



"Bus" Yourell to address Commonwealth Edison Retirement Club of Chicago

Commissioner Harry "Bus" Yourell, of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will speak before the Commonwealth Edison Retirement Club of Chicago, Wednesday, January 19 at 9 a.m. at Oak View Center, Board Room, 4625 West 110th, Oak Lawn.

Chuck Fusco, coordinator, announced that "Bus" will share his expertise on the workings of the M.W.R.D. with a slide presentation.

Commissioner Yourell served 20 years in the Illinois House of Representatives and was a member as well as chairman of numerous legislative committees. In 1984, he was elected Cook County Recorder of Deeds. His education included LaSalle Extension University. Previously, he was a Marine during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts.

Late Registration for Daley College

Dr. Mark Warden, Beverly resident and Interim President of Daley College, is welcoming students back for the spring semester, 2000. Classes begin Tuesday, January 18th, but Warden noted that late registration extends to January 21st. "We're offering hundreds of classes, with meeting times including days, evenings, and weekends," he notes, "so there should be a class to fit everyone's schedule. Daley is offering an extended schedule in response to suggestions from our students," Warden said. Classes include both general education and career fields. "We've been delighted with the interest in our career programs. Our classes in business, child development, computer information systems, criminal justice, and manufacturing technology have been especially popular," he said "Everyone is interested in taking a step up in the jobs, and the best way of preparing for promotion is to start by improving your knowledge and skills. Enrolling in a college with small class sizes like ours is

an excellent way to get that needed education."

College offices are open for student registration between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday. For information, call (773) 838-7500.

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Questions Seniors Ask

St Rita Grammar School All-School Reunion

By: Margo E. Schreiber, Director Illinois Department on Aging

QUESTION: I am 66, and although I wanted to work into my '70s, I needed to retire last year because I have heart problems and also suffer with diabetes. I am divorced and have had a hard time financially, especially since the cost of my medications are so high. Basically, I'm living on my Social Security. I own my own home, but it keeps getting harder and harder to pay my property taxes. Do you have any ideas on where I might find assistance?

ANSWER: You may be eligible for a number of programs that could help both with your taxes and with your medications. In fact, I'm really glad you asked for this information because there are so many other people all across the State who are eligible for these programs but don't realize it, or don't know how to go about applying for them.

Let me start with the Circuit Breaker Program, which is offered through the Illinois Department of Revenue. There are two parts to the program—one provides help with property taxes and the other helps with certain medications. To be eligible for Circuit

Breaker assistance you must be 65 or older, disabled or widowed at age 63 or older and have an annual income of less than \$16,000.

The property tax portion of Circuit Breaker provides grants (rebates) of up to \$700 to eligible individuals paying rent or property taxes. People who live in a house, apartment, nursing or sheltered care home or other facility that was subject to the property tax for the year which benefits are being applied are generally considered eligible. Mobile home owners may also be entitled to property tax relief if they paid privilege taxes on the mobile home used as their principal residence. The rebate is based on the amount paid in property tax, rent or nursing home charges and the total household income.

Circuit Breaker claimants are also eligible for the Pharmaceutical Assistance Program, which helps pay for physician-prescribed heart, blood pressure, arthritis and diabetes medications. Based on income, an initial fee of \$40 or \$80 is charged for a pharmaceutical card, plus a \$15 or \$25 monthly deductible when prescriptions are filled. The card must be presented at the pharmacy, along with quali-

fying prescriptions, which the pharmacist will fill and charge (minus the deductible) to the Department of Revenue. When total charges reach \$800 for the State Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30), participants must pay 20 percent of the remaining cost of each prescription in addition to the monthly deductible.

Application forms for the Circuit Breaker and accompanying Pharmaceutical Assistance Program will be available beginning in mid-January, 2000. Just call 1-800-356-6302 (24 hours a day) or link to <http://www.revenue.state.il.us>. Forms are also available at many local senior centers, banks, post offices, and Area Agencies on Aging, and can also be mailed to you by calling our toll-free Senior HelpLine, 1-800-252-8966 (Voice and TTY).

Also consider applying for the Homestead Exemption, available to adults age 65 and older, regardless of income or the original amount of real estate taxes. This benefit allows an annual savings on your property tax bills. To be eligible, you must not only be a senior citizen, you must be a resident of Illinois, and your home must be your principal place of residence.

To apply, you must take proof of age (birth certificate or Medicare card) to your township assessor or chief county assessment officer with title papers or a copy of the deed to your property. Upon completion of the paperwork, your next year's tax bill will show a reduction of up to \$2,500 (depending on what area of the state you live in) of the assessed valuation, thus saving you between approximately \$150 and \$250 per year on your real estate tax bill. Applications must be renewed each year with the county supervisor of assessments.

The Senior Citizens Tax Freeze Homestead Exemption may also be an option. This "freezes" the equalized assessed value of your property at the base year amount (the year prior to the year you first qualify and apply for the exemption.) Again, you must be 65 years of age or older. Income must not exceed \$40,000. Forms must be filed every year with your chief county

assessment officer.

Another option for property owners age 65 and over is the Senior Citizens Real Estate Deferral Program, which allows you to defer payment of your real estate taxes until after your property is sold or after your death. To qualify, you must have an annual income of \$25,000 or less. To apply, contact your county treasurer's office.

I do encourage you to consider applying for the programs I have highlighted. Please remember that information about these and other programs and services available for older persons and their families may be obtained by calling the Illinois Department on Aging toll-free at 1-800-252-8966 (Voice and TTY), or write to: "Seniors Ask" c/o Director Margo E. Schreiber Illinois Department on Aging 421 E. Capitol, #100 Springfield, IL 62701-1789

Calling all classmates that ever attended St. Rita Grammar School! There will be an All-School Reunion and Mass on Saturday, July 8, 2000 at St. Rita High School, 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL. Mass begins at 4:00 pm in the school chapel, followed by a reunion at the high school, from 5:00 pm until midnight. Please call St. Rita Parish Rectory (773) 434-9600, Ext. 37, and leave your name, address, phone, and graduation year. We will mail you ticket information and additional details.

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parking difficulties asserted by his neighbors, Rev. Willis recruited members of his congregation to "police" the area to ensure legal parking conformance.

Willis is acutely aware of the dilemma facing a church which has literally "outgrown" its physical facilities. And as a lifelong resident of Oak Lawn, he has been searching for more spacious accommodations within the Village.

Certain published reports accuse Rev. Willis of making legal "threats" should a parking restriction be promulgated.

Webster's Dictionary defines the word *threat* as "an expression of intention to hurt, destroy, punish, etc. as an intimidation."

In a calm and softspoken response to the dilemma, Rev. Willis simply restated the intentions by which he has abided for the past 22 years. He merely wants to

worship in peace.

And if he encountered those who would stand in the way of his (and his congregation's) right by law to do so, he would follow the guidelines for remediation so prescribed.

The move to "table" the issue (as opposed to rejecting it) is fraught with political expediency. If a problem is ignored, the Board is implying, maybe it will disappear.

It is such fallacious logic which causes one to wonder if, indeed our elected officials have truly learned from painful past transgressions. Or have they simply chosen to take the path of least resistance in the face of an "uncomfortable" moral revelation.

Prior to 1687 clocks had only an hour hand.



Painter Henri Matisse wanted to go to art school but failed the entrance exam.

Petition against name change

Donna Petrillo DeRosa has asked to send petitions to her because the Mayor and city of Chicago would like to change the name of Petrillo Band shell in Grant Park to the Millennium Park Band Shell.

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The concert is scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, February 5, 2000 at Mother McAuley High School Auditorium, 3737 W. 99th Street Chicago.

Dr. Kenneth L. Austin of Orland Park has a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree and currently the Associate Professor of Music at Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights. Dr. Austin is in his sixth concert year as Principal Trumpet with the SSO as well as twenty-four concert years as Principal Trumpet with the New Philharmonic Orchestra in Chicago.

Dr. Austin is profiled as an Educator, Conductor and

Performer. As an educator he has taught instrumental and vocal music from the Kindergarten through post-graduate levels in Canada and the United States. The courses have included all levels of music. As a conductor, he has directed middle school, high school, college and professional ensembles. His experience includes choir, band and orchestra. He has initiated and established three university band programs and three high school honor band festivals. As a professional trumpet player he has performed in numerous symphony orchestras, brass ensembles, and as a soloist in the US, South America and Canada. He has accompanied such performers as the Carpenters, Tony Bennett, Dean Martin, and the Young Messiah.

Donna Briggs is in her 10th season as member and principal horn of the Southwest Symphony brass ensembles, principal Orchestra. A private teacher in the south and southwest suburbs, she is also a member

of the suburbs, faculty of Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, a member of the Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra and an active free-lance player.

She was for 10 years Principal Horn of the Northwest Indiana Symphony and a founding member of its Pastoral Woodwind Quintet.

Besides SSO, she is a member of the Cornelle Ensemble, Southwinds woodwind Quintet, Chicago Philharmonia, Wind Harmonies and Salt Creek Sinfonietta. Renewing her interest in the horn as a thirty-something adult, Mrs. Briggs went on to study with Frank Brouk, then a member of the Chicago Symphoney, who was her main teacher. She has also taken lessons with Ethel Merker, Nancy Fako, Dale Clevenger and Arnold Jacobs. She holds degrees from the University of Chicago (history) and Governor's State University (music education). Mrs. Briggs lives in Chicago heights. She has two grown

daughters and three grandsons.

Tickets for the concert are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$7 for students. Tickets may be ordered from the symphony office at 708-802-0686. The concert is sponsored by the Old Kent Bank and by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

Rules of the Road review course at Worth Twp. Center

The Worth Township Senior Citizens Organization will be sponsoring a Free RULES OF THE ROAD Review Course on Wednesday morning, Feb. 2, 2000 at Worth Township Center, 11601 So. Pulaski Rd., Alsip from 10:00 AM to Noon. Please register. (708) 371-2900, Ex. 28

School, was also a volunteer in the pre-school program, which includes arts and crafts and indoor/outdoor recreation.

Amy, who has been a volunteer since June, 1997, was cited for her dependability and maturity in offering assistance to the younger children. "She is often found encouraging a child who is having difficulty with a project, comforting one needing a 'big sister' sit down and talk about a problem and helping staff members," said Kenneth Spajer, Youth Commission director.

Jamie, a volunteer since December 1997, was lauded for her awareness. "She has a keen sense of awareness of potential situations before they happen. She is a self-starter, highly motivated and well-liked by all. Children tend to be around her and her cheerfulness spreads throughout the crowd," said Spajer.

Winners of the Sheriff's award represented 57 cities and villages throughout Cook County.

Burbank Youths Awarded Sheriff's Medal of Honor

Two Burbank girls who are members of the Stickney Township Youth Commission have been awarded Medals of Honor for Youth Service by Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan.

They are Amy Burgess, 14, granddaughter of Steve Caljkusich, and Jamie Kelly, 13, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Gene Kelly. Both volunteered for more than 100 hours of community service in the past year.


Amy, a freshman at Queen of Peace High School, assisted in the supervision of children between the ages of 3 and 11 in the Township's pre-school program. Jamie, a freshman at Reavis High

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League of Women Voter's Celebrates 80th Anniversary

The League of Women Voters of Illinois celebrates their 80th anniversary of both the founding of the League of Women Voters and the passage of the 19th Amendment which granted women the right to vote. The contributions women have made to society and the political landscape have since had an immeasurable effect in the United States and around the world. To mark "The First 80 Years of Action", the League of Women Voters of Illinois is planning a luncheon celebrating women of action, past, present and future.

The luncheon celebration begins at 12:30 PM in the Congress Plaza Hotel Gold Room located at 520 South Michigan Avenue in Chicago. The Honorary Chair of the event will be Lt. Governor Corrine Wood, a League member and the first woman Lieutenant Governor of Illinois. The keynote speaker will be Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, President of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

The League of Women Voters was formed in 1920 in the Gold Room of the Congress Hotel by Carrie Chapman Catt and other leaders of the woman suffrage movement. Eighty years later, in that same room, the League will celebrate its history with a legislative briefing breakfast followed by a luncheon featuring music, drama and a

photo exhibit. An Expo featuring many political candidates and organizations will run concurrent with the luncheon. Tickets for the event are \$20 for the Legislative Briefing, \$35 for the luncheon or \$50 for the combined package.

Over the years, the League has grown to be a respected non-partisan organization whose purpose is to educate voters about issues, encourage active participation in our democracy, and influence public policy through education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland has over sixty members from thirteen different communities in the southwest suburban area. For reservations to the anniversary celebration, please call 312-939-5935.

Civil Air Patrol change of command

Chicago, IL. - On Tuesday evening February 8, 2000 the First Lyons Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol, the United States Air Force Auxiliary, will conduct a "Change of Command" ceremony.

Cadet Captain Douglas Pabst (18), from Willowbrook, IL., will transfer the power of cadet squadron commander to Cadet

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Sergeant Jo Mich (15), from North Lake, IL. Cadet Sergeant Carlton Lawson (13), from Chicago, Illinois will be installed as the new Cadet First Sergeant in a separate ceremony the same evening.

The ceremony will start at 7 O'clock PM, at the Army Air National Guard facility located at Midway Airport, 5400 West 63rd Street in Chicago, Illinois.

Cadet Pabst will be starting college in the fall and will no longer be able to fully perform the duties of the cadet commander. Cadet Pabst will stay as long as possible to help the new cadet commander in his new duties. The cadet commanders duties are to insure that all the cadets in the squadron receive their proper training and that the cadet program functions as required by the Civil Air Patrol regulations. This is how the cadets get their leadership training, by giving them the responsibility that comes with each position of command. From a sergeant to a colonel they get to make decisions that effect the operations of the cadet program.



Local VFW honors student in scholarship contest

Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220 proudly announces their annual voice of Democracy college scholarship competition winner. The

winning entry was Estera Barbarasa, Oak Lawn, attending the Harold L. Richards High School. Ms. Barbarasa has earned a \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond and a certificate of recognition.

"The Post takes pride in providing the opportunity for

students to pursue a truly higher education," said Richard Lumen Post 5220 commander. "VFW feels strongly that young people who formulate a solid understanding of democracy can become effective future leaders." The Voice of Democracy is VFW's premier youth activity.

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Library Catalog on the Internet

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The Oak Lawn Public Library regularly offers detailed instruction on how to operate the computer catalog system every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Preregistration is not required, just stop by the Fiction Desk, first floor. Those who attend should expect to spend an hour learning the capabilities of the computer catalog system and CD-ROMs for fiction and periodicals.

If you are interested in basic instruction only, staff at the Fiction Desk and the Interlibrary Loan Desk are available anytime on request.

For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

Moraine Valley to Offer Classes Via the World Wide Web this Spring

Moraine Valley Community College will offer 14 classes via the World Wide Web this spring.

Virtual College students enjoy a convenient, high-tech way of taking classes that provides them the freedom to set their own study schedule. Students discuss class material, interact with their instructor, and complete assignments using e-mail, the World Wide Web, and other Internet technology.

Students enrolled in Virtual College classes access course materials via the Internet using home or campus computers. Campus computers are located in the Center for Contemporary Technology's Learning and Computing Center and in the Robert E. Turner Learning Resources Center in Building L.

Spring Virtual College classes will include Introduction to Business, Principles of Management, Composition 1, Composition 11, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, American History I, Networking Technologies, Introduction to Travel/ Tourism, Quantitative Literacy, Finance and Business Law, Introduction to Psychology, and General Sociology.

The first class session of each Virtual College course

will take place on Moraine Valley's campus. Instructors will provide additional information regarding on-campus sessions and give directions for online access to course materials.

Virtual College students who choose to participate in class from off-campus locations must meet certain minimum personal computer technical requirements, including Internet connection, Windows 95 or 98 and Internet Explorer 4.0, and a minimum of 16 MEG of RAM.

For more information about Moraine Valley's Virtual College courses or a complete listing of technical requirements, call the college's Alternative Learning Department at (708) 974-5710.

Spring semester classes begin the week of Jan. 18. Tuition is \$44 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records, and Registration Office, located in the College Center, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Students can also register by phone by calling (708) 974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). More information about Moraine Valley is also available on the college's Web site at www.moraine.cc.il.us.

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Local Residents Can Start Filming Chicago Accepts Local Screenplays

By Rick Techman

Local residents are encouraged to participate in the Illinois/Chicago Screenwriting Competition. The competition is sponsored by the Illinois and the Chicago Film Offices.

Garfield-Ridge and Clearing residents, as well as residents of all Illinois, with a flavor for the arts, are welcome to submit their original screenplays during this year's edition of the competition. Anyone, exclusively from Illinois, age 18 and older is eligible to participate. The scripts must be feature length and set in Illinois.

A jury system of local film industry representatives and current or former Chicagoans who have written, directed or produced a feature film will judge the entries.

There is a \$25 entry fee. Three winners will receive a cash prize and will also be honored during an award ceremony to be held in October, 2000. Chicago's popularity for locating motion picture filming here is rising.

Especially in the beautiful southwest side area with the busy Midway Airport, railroads and businesses some local artists could find

Garfield-Ridge and Clearing a blue-chip area for a screenplay.

"Over 25 feature films and several drama series are shot every year on location in Illinois and most often in Chicago," one state spokesman said. He added the state looks forward to making more great movies in Illinois.

Winning scripts will be sent to a select group of producers and Hollywood studio representatives. The deadline to submit entries for the competition is April 3, 2000. Only the official entry form will be accepted. Reproductions or facsimiles of the official entry form will not be accepted. For a complete list of rules, regulations and an official entry form, call the IC2000 hotline at (312) 814-8711.

O'Malley who keeps dragging this along wasting our money trying to water down our laws against armed criminals. All of this has to do with the Safe Neighborhoods act that has been law since 1994. If they don't like it why don't they reinstate the law and then in the spring try to make changes to it.

The republicans controlled the house, the senate and the governor's office when they first passed this bill so they need to learn to live with their votes. We'll make them all accountable for that at election time.

Sincerely,

Don Mahoney

Dear Editor

Dear Editor:

It looks as if it is politics as usual this holiday season in our state capitol. Controversy abounds, tax payer money is being wasted, our elected officials are not doing anything, while real issues that effect our daily lives go unaddressed and after eight days of special session we are no safer on the streets that we were in 1994.

Maybe I haven't been reading the articles in your paper correctly but it seems to me like the whole deal is based on a bunch of republicans arguing over who has more power. The interpretation I have is that they are trying to see who can't stick it to the taxpayer more.

On one side we have Governor Ryan who raised all of our taxes, or fees as he call them, and on the other side we have Pate Philip and our very own Patrick


Casting selected for "The Curious Savage"

The Beverly Theatre Guild has announced the cast for the second production of their 1999-2000 theater season, and the first of the year "2000", the touching comedy, "The Curious Savage" by John Patrick. The story follows Ethel Savage the rich and eccentric controller of the Savage estate, after the death of her husband. Her children, all very unlikeable, Lily Belle, Titus and Samuel decide to have her committed to a Massachusetts home known

as The Cloisters, after she decides to establish a fund with her husbands money and begins giving it out to several unusual causes. At the Cloisters she meets the capable and caring staff Dr. Emmett and Nurse Wilhelmina and the residents Florence, Hannibal, Fairy May, Jeffrey and Mrs. Paddy, who turn out to be more genuine, kind and loyal than many of the people she knows in the so called sane world outside the walls of the Cloisters. She goes on to

begin selling off ownership in several Savage Industries, which leads to a final comical confrontation with her children. Director. Errol McClendon, assisted by Kim Brines, auditioned forty-two talented actors. The cast, includes Donna Black, as Mrs. Savage her children, Andy Hannigan, as Titus, Caroline Sexton, as Lily Belle, and George McDonald, as Samuel. The residents of the Cloisters include, Jeffrey, played by David Brodsky, Marilyn A. McGury-Baldwin, Florence, Karen Rogers, as Fairy May, Jim Seeberg, as Hannibal

and Debbie Semenec, as Mrs. Paddy. Staff members are Michele Greco, as Nurse Wilhelmina and Lil O'Donnell as Dr. Emmett. In these addition to characters, John Thomas is played by Jack Baldwin, The show will be presented at the Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th Street, Chi. and is produced by Leo and Jean Fagan. Performance dates are Friday, Feb 4 & Saturday, February 5 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, February 6 at 2 p.m. Phon 312-409-2705 for tickets which are \$13 for adults and \$11 for senior citizens.



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The perfect gift for any occasion, the coupon books can be obtained by calling the church 708-422-0845 or call 708-422-1059.

Connections business meeting

Co-Chairs Lucy Crocilla, Oak Lawn BPW, Gaile Sprissler, Oak Lawn BPW, and Linda Kozloski, Evergreen Park BPW, announced today that their Ninth Annual "CONNECTIONS" Business Expo will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 5, 2000, from 1 to 4 PM, at the Radisson Hotel Alsip, located at 5000 West 127th Street in Alsip, Illinois.

According to the Co-Chairs, this Business Expo provides business owners an opportunity to showcase their products and services to the general public, other business owners, and BPW members. Approximately 45 exhibitors will be accommodated at this years event. Exhibition space is available on a first-come basis.

The general public is invited to attend. Admission is free. There will be a "Stardust Instant Raffle", door prizes, demonstrations of products and services and a "Breakout" session on "Networking". Contact Linda Kozloski at (773) 881-1810 or Gaile Sprissler (773) 779-9285 for more information.

The Village Pantry of Evergreen Park appreciates you support

"THANK YOU!" to each and every person who contributed food or monetary donations for the holiday season. Because of YOU the Village Pantry Coalition had

a very successful drive and was able to share with those in the Village who were in need.

The Village Pantry Coalition was formed in 1982 to provide emergency food to Evergreen Park individuals and families experiencing financial problems due to unemployment, illness, etc. Donations are accepted year 'round and greatly appreciated.

Palos Community Hospital can give you a "Now Direction"

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Palos Community Hospital will offer free orientations for its Now Direction weight-management program at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 2 and Feb. 16 in Suite 101 of the Primary Care Center, located at 15300 West Ave. in Orland Park.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. To register, or for more information, call (708) 349-DIET (3438).

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 6301 W. Birmingham Ave, will present a Money Management Seminar on Wednesday, January 19, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. This program is designed to help participants develop a savings plan, manage debt, and cut insurance costs. Register for this seminar at the library or by calling 708-423-7753.

Palos Community Hospital Offers Free Class to Explain Medicare Billing

Are you confused by Medicare paperwork? Do you have a hard time keeping it organized? If so, Palos Community Hospital's Senior Resource staff can help you sort it out at a free seminar from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 8, in Conference Room E1 & E2 of the hospital, 12251 S. 80th Ave., Palos Heights.

Our specialists will explain Medicare and answer individual questions and concerns. Participants receive an organizer to help keep Medicare papers in order. To reserve a seat, call (708) 923-4785. Monday - Friday.

Palos Park resident appointed to the Moraine Valley Board of Trustees

Longtime Palos Park resident John P. Hyland has become the newest member of the Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees.

The Board considered 18 applicants before appointing Hyland on Monday night at a special meeting. He was sworn in Wednesday night during the Boards regular meeting.

Hyland, a native of Evergreen Park, will complete the remaining two years of Patricia J. Fleming's term. Trustee Fleming, a 20 year member of the Board, died in October after a brief illness.

Hyland, who is president, CEO, and director of Security Federal Bank, St. John, Indiana, has been in banking for 25 years. He has been active in the Moraine Valley community for the past 20 years, including membership on advisory boards at St. Xavier University and Little Company of Mary Hospital. He also has been a member of the chambers of

commerce in Evergreen Park, Orland Park, and New Lenox and a member of the Lions Club. He has been active with the American Cancer Society.

He and his wife, Patricia, are the parents of four daughters.

For more information, phone the Department of College and Community Relations at 974-5275.

St. Mary Star of the Sea's on Track Singles

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The St. Mary Star of the Sea On Track Singles will hold a general meeting on Monday, February 7th 2000, in Duggan Hall at 6435 S. Kilbourn Avenue in Chicago. The meeting will start at 7:30 P.M. For more information about membership or to receive a free news letter, call Lucy (773-778-8239) or John (773-585-8242).

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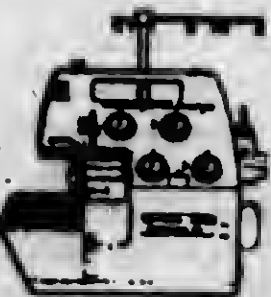
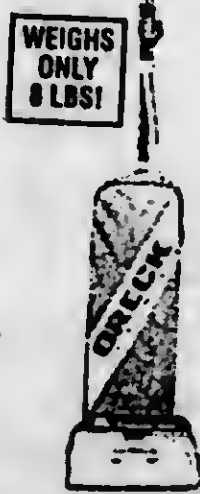
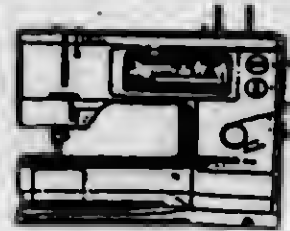
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The Century That Was

By Kathy Whirity

It's, an almost certain bet that this New Year 2000 will go down in the history books as not only the most anticipated, but also the most celebrated the world has seen. We are saying farewell to a century, and in doing so we can't help but to find our life's memories reflected upon, as we remember the milestones that have touched our hearts and shaped our lives. Each generation has their own intriguing stories to tell, stories that are retold time and again, whenever families come together to share each other's company. As a kid I heard the tales of Al Capone, prohibition, and all about the Depression era days that made up life in the beginning of the century. Even though gangsters were violent men that were revered this was still a trusting time in life when people slept safely behind unlocked doors and people had no reason to fear when they walked down the street at night.

The 50's and 60's were curious decades that brought about shocking change to our poised culture. From Elvis Presley's swiveling hips to Hippies preaching 'free love' it was a mixed up time of protesting the Vietnam war, to young people experimenting with drugs. Baby Boomers became a popular term used to describe folks, like me, who are now middle-aged. It's a name that would define the ideals of a generation. We've now lived long enough to have our own stories to share across the kitchen table, to

children who don't seem quite so intrigued by our tales of childhood days. In every middle-aged adults memory is the recollection of where they were when they heard the news that President Kennedy was shot. I was in third grade and I remember my father sitting in front of the T.V. set watching the drama unfold play by play.

As children we heard the famous stories of how our parents walked 5 miles—or was that 50 miles to and from school. Our own tale of woe has been slightly adjusted, but our kids are unimpressed just the same. When our kids complain about having to share the use of a car that was bought especially for them, we rekindle the memory of riding the bus everywhere we went. They of course have no concept of actually climbing aboard any form of public transportation. To them that would be cruel and unusual punishment. They laugh when we reminisce about the excitement of watching color-TV for the first time, since 'in' color is the only way our kids have ever seen T.V.

For the past 24 years, Bill and I have ushered in the new year together. This year was no different. What is different is the way our lives have blossomed and changed over the last few decades. Now that we're entering a brand new century on the cusp of my daughter's reaching young adulthood, I can't help but wonder how my mother did it. I

mean—how did she keep her sanity with 5 kids and only one phone line?? And how did we all manage to agree on watching the same program on the one lone television set that sat in the front room?? I wonder just what kind of stories my kids will relay to their children in, say, the year 2020.

To them the 'olden days' were way back in the 70's when disco music ruled and men's fashions included the short lived style of the leisure suit.

As I sit here in my middle-aged wisdom I realize that, as much as the seasons of life change from one decade to another, the matters of the heart will forever stay the same. And from one millennium to the next—we parents will continue to love and worry about our children—while our dear children will never cease to thoroughly drive us crazy.

As we start this New Year 2000, may we constantly be aware that—life is beautiful if you have an abundance of love and the good company of friends and family to share it with.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

As we head into this new millennium may your life hold a bounty of fulfilling memories that will be enhanced whenever there is reason to celebrate the special moments in our lives.

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St. Rita of Cascia High School recently hosted its annual Night of Champions, an individual and team competition for 7th and 8th grade boys from area grammar schools. Overall team champions of the event were the Palos South Stars. Pictured above with their individual and team trophies are: (left to right) Bob Pine, Matt Rauba, Jason Ringo, Joey Ganz, Tim Gawley, Jeff Medina, Artie Pauls, and Adam Stabosz.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am not the type of person who calls elected officials regularly, but I want to let people know about a positive experience I had recently. I am one of the thousands of mothers who have not been receiving their child support checks on time be-

cause of problems with the new Child Support Disbursement Unit. When I called the necessary state agencies, I was unable to get any real answers from the people who were supposed to be helping me.

Frustrated, I called State Rep. Maggie Crotty because I did not know where else to go. Rep. Crotty's office took my information and promised to do their best to help my family.

Rep. Crotty called a meeting on December 16 with representatives from the Child Support Disbursement Unit to discuss the problems local families are having with obtaining their child

support payments. This meeting gave us a chance to sit down, face-to-face, with the people responsible for getting our child support checks to us. As it turns out, that meeting made a big difference for my family and me. By December 20, we had received all of the child support payments that were behind because of the state.

When the state bureaucracy failed my family, Maggie Crotty intervened on our behalf. I think meetings like the one I attended would benefit other mothers who are having similar problems. I want to thank Ms. Crotty for working hard to help the families in our area who have had so many problems with this new child support system.

Sincerely,
Valerie Schultz

Evergreen Pk. offers tax advice to seniors

It's Income Tax Season! NOW is the time for Evergreen Park senior residents to phone for an appointment to have the assistance of our counselor in filing the Income Tax return. Call 422-8776 between 9:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday, for an appointment. Our counselors are volunteers and are available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. by appointment at the Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 West 97th St., Evergreen Park, IL. Be prepared to bring with you:

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- Any other financial information to complete your return

Celtic Music Concert at Library

Glamis Hill will perform traditional Celtic and Irish music Sunday, January 23 at 2 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Admission is free. First-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room.

Glamis Hill is a talented husband and wife duo, John and Janet Gaffney. Among the many instruments that they play are the Irish uilleann pipes, the tin whistle, the bodhran and the Celtic harp. Jigs, reels, aires and ballads are the group's hall-

mark, along with your Irish-American favorites such as "Danny Boy" and "When Irish Eyes are Smiling."

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

A complete schedule of adult programs offered at the Oak Lawn Public Library is available at their Community Information Centers, first floor, and at their web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

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Governors State University seeking public input

University Park, Ill. — Governors State University, in its mission to assure academic quality, will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit, April 4-17, 2000, by a team representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Governors State has been accredited by the commission since 1970. Its accreditation is at the bachelor and master's degree level and includes degree sites at various other locations within the state.

The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education is one of six accrediting agencies in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Institutional accreditation evaluates an entire institution and accredits it as a whole. Other agencies provide accreditation for specific programs. Accreditation is voluntary. The Commission accredits approximately 950 institutions of higher education in a 19-state region. The Commission is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

For the past year and a half, Governors State has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the

Commission's requirements and criteria for accreditation. The evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the college; following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding Governors State University: Public Comment on Governors State University Commission on Institutions of Higher Education

North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
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Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Written, signed comments must be received by March 17, 2000. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after the due date will be considered. Comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Comments will not be treated as confidential.

NOTE: Individuals with a specific dispute or grievance with an institution should request the separate Policy on Complaints document from the Commission office. The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education cannot settle disputes between institutions and individuals. Complaints will not be considered third party comment.

Oaklawn Library holds internet demonstration

Learn how to surf the web at an introductory lecture and demonstration of the Internet Thursday, January 20 at 7 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Admission is free. First-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room.

Sylvia Jenkins of the Moraine Valley Community College Learning Resource Center will present an on-line demonstration and teach the key terms and basic principles of Internet searches. Handouts available. Sorry, no hands-on instruction.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.



Kyle Coleman, of Hickory Hills and a first grader in Roberta Franzen's class at the Dorn Primary Center in North Palos School District 117, played the violin for his classmates on January 5th, 2000 while his mother, Sandy and sister, Cassie looked on. Kyle has been playing the violin since he was three years old.

Business leader in banking

It was recently announced that Michelle Davis joined the Equipment Leasing Division at Marquette National Bank as a Commercial Leasing Officer at the Bridgeview branch, 8020 S. Harlem Avenue. Michelle will acquire and develop lessor relationships, plus perform financial analysis and analysis on lease documentation.

Prior to joining the Bank, Davis was employed by



LaSalle Bank as a Credit Analyst with the Commercial Real Estate Group. She earned a BA in Business Administration from Lewis

University. Michelle resides in Chicago Ridge and enjoys leisure travel.

Marquette National Corporation is a \$1 billion holding company for Marquette National Bank, which serves the financial needs of the southern Chicagoland communities. Its offices are located in Chicago, Bridgeview, Evergreen Park, Summit, Oak Lawn, Orland Park and Manhattan, Illinois.

Army Recruiting Offers Limited-Time Enlistment Shipping Bonus

The Army is now offering a shipping bonus to those who select a critical job with a priority training date. Bonuses are available for all Military Occupational Specialties and can range in amounts from \$2,000 to \$6,000, depending on the priority of the training date.

In addition to this shipping bonus, the Army offers a \$3,000 bonus to enlistees qualifying for airborne training, up to \$8,000 to those who have earned college credits, and enlistment bonuses for particular Military Occupational Specialties. These bonuses can be combined, up to a maximum of \$20,000 for an enlistment of four or more years.

To be eligible, an applicant must have no prior military service, meet educational criteria, score in the top half of the Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery, and meet all other enlistment criteria. Appli-

cants may also qualify for the Army College Fund, which offers up to \$50,000 for college or vocational training.

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Court Theatre Heats Up The Winter Season with Eugene O'Neill's "Desire Under The Elms"

Court Theatre will heat up the winter season with Eugene O'Neill's "DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS," 99 a powerful tragedy of a family torn apart by greed, passion and revenge. Brought to the stage in an exciting and unique coproduction between Court Theatre and Philadelphia's Freedom Theatre, the play will be directed by award-winning Walter Dallas, whose impressive credits include the world premiere of August Wilson's "SEVEN GUITARS," John Redwood's "THE OLD SETTLER" and "HAVING OUR SAY." Preview performances of "DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS" begin on Friday, Jan. 21, at Court Theatre, 5535 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago; the press opening will be on Monday, Jan. 31, at 7:00 p.m. Performances continue through Sunday, Feb. 20. The production will move to Freedom Theatre in Philadelphia following its Chicago run.

When 76 year old patriarch Ephraim Cabot brings his new, young bride, Abbie, home to his farm, family strife ensues. Hardened by years of resentment, his two sons from his first marriage flee to California, looking for gold. The third son Eben, a product of his second marriage, is left ready to fight for his claim to the property. Unbeknownst to Ephraim, as Eben and Abbie compete for eventual ownership of the farm, hate and competition turn to heated passion and then love. Originally set on a New England farm in 1850, director Walter Dallas transports the action to a multiracial community in 1930's rural Georgia. Mr. Dallas spent his childhood visiting relatives in such a community, where interracial marriages were not uncommon. His casting will reflect these experiences.

Leading the cast is Marco St. John (Ephraim Cabot), a seasoned actor, having appeared in eleven Broadway productions plus productions at Lincoln Center, Roundabout Theatre, New York Public Theatre and Shakespeare Festival, Mark Taper Forum and the San Diego

Shakespeare Festival. Caroline Clay (Abbie), who is making her Court Theatre debut, was seen at The Goodman Theatre in the world premiere of Regina Taylor's "OO-BLA-DEE."

Donavin Dalm Scott (Eben), also making his Court Theatre debut, previously worked with Mr. Dallas in "BLUES FOR AN ALABAMA SKY" at Crossroads Theatre Company. Craig Spidle, who recently appeared in Court Theatre's production of "LIFE'S A DREAM," returns to portray Simeon, the eldest son of Ephraim Cabot. Kelth Kupferer (Peter), who is making his Court Theatre debut, has appeared in productions at Northlight, Steppenwolf, Bailiwick, Red Orchid, Powertap and Rivendell Theatre Ensemble, of which he is a founding member. Rounding out the ensemble are Cindy Gold (Townsperson); John S. Lionarons (Townsperson); Teddy Royal (Townsperson); Roderick Slocum (Townsperson); Genevieve Ven Johnson (Townsperson) and Ray Wild (Townsperson).

Director Walter Dallas assumed the artistic leadership of Freedom Theatre in 1992. Under his direction, Freedom has grown from a small community theatre to one of America's most prominent professional African American theatres. Prior to working with Freedom Theatre, Mr. Dallas was the Associate Artist at the Philadelphia Drama Guild, Associate Professor and Director at Atlanta's School of Theatre and Artistic Director of Proposition Theatre in Atlanta. His celebrated directing credits include the world premiere of John Redwood's "THE OLD SETTLER" at McCarter Theatre in Princeton, NJ, Sam Kelley's "PILL HILL" at Yale Rep and an adaptation of the film "COOLEY HIGH" at Freedom Theatre. Mr. Dallas directed the world premiere of August Wilson's "SEVEN GUITARS" at the Goodman Theatre which was named to Time Magazine's Top Ten Theatre Events of 1995 and was a finalist for the 1995 Pulitzer Prize. Awards and other notable accomplishments include a National Endowment for the Arts Directing Fellowship at Center Stage in Baltimore; an Obie Award for "MOMS," an AUDLECO Award for Excellence in Black Theatre and a NAACP Theatre Award nomination for Best Director for "HAVING OUR SAY" at Mark Taper Forum.

Eugene O'Neill is widely regarded as the greatest American dramatist. O'Neill was born in New York City, the son of stage actors James O'Neill and Ella Quinlan. His tumultuous family relationships would later provide much material for his plays. He had varied experiences as a gold prospector, sailor and actor. His plays, although tragic, are characterized by a down to earth quality and are often experimental in form, influenced by German Expressionism, Strindberg and Freud. They include the Pulitzer Prize winning plays "BEYOND THE HORIZON" and "ANNA CHRISTIE," as well as "THE EMPEROR JONES," "THE HAIRY APE," "THE ICEMAN COMETH" and the posthumously produced autobiographical drama "LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT," also a Pulitzer Prize winner. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1936.

The design team for "DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS" includes Todd Rosenthal (Scenic Designer); Andre Harrington (Costume Designer); Kathy A. Perkins (Lighting Designer); and Andre Pluess and Ben Sussman (Sound Designers/Composers). The performance schedule for "DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS" is as follows:

Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; and Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Matinee performances are Saturdays at 3 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$22 to \$26 for preview performances and \$26 to \$36 for regular performances. Group rates, and student discounts are available. For tickets and for more information, call the Court Theatre Box Office at (773) 753-4472.

Court Theatre's popular Theatre Entree Night series continues with a perfect pairing of "DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS" and Wishbone Restaurant, 1001 West Washington, Chicago. On Friday, Feb. 18, theatergoers will meet at the restaurant at 5 p.m. for a delicious dinner with members of Court's artistic staff. Following the meal, a luxury coach bus will transport guests to the theatre for a performance of "DESIRE

UNDER THE ELMS." A cast member will discuss the production while riding back with guests to the restaurant following the performance. Tickets are \$75 per person and include a complete gourmet dinner, theatre admission and transportation. For reservations, please call the Court Theatre Box Office at (773) 753-4472.

Court Theatre is currently selling subscriptions for the remaining productions in its 1999/2000 season, featuring, "DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS," Molière's "THE LEARNED LADIES" and Peter Oswald's "FAIR LADIES AT A GAME OF POEM CARDS." Flexible subscriptions, which do not require advance date commitments also are available. For more information regarding subscriptions, contact the box office.

Court Theatre is supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts; a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency; and a City Arts III grant from the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs. Partial funding for "DESIRE UN-

DER THE ELMS" has been provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and the CBS Foundation.

The mission of Court Theatre is to celebrate the immutable power and relevance of classic theatre, defined by timeless themes and universal truths. Through innovative collaborations, Court strives to reveal these truths in works from the past, as well as advocate the discovery of new classics. In the passionate pursuit of this mission, Court aspires to become a National Center for Classic Theatre.

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People with Fibromyalgia Sought for Study of Investigational Drug to Reduce Pain

Individuals with fibromyalgia are being sought for participation in a clinical research trial that will determine if a new treatment is effective in reducing the chronic pain associated with fibromyalgia. The study is being conducted by researchers from the Arthritis and Orthopedics Institute at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center.

Fibromyalgia is a chronic illness that involves the tenderness of specific areas throughout the body, with pain both above and below the waistline. Using criteria established by the American College of Rheumatology, a diagnosis of fibromyalgia is made when the individual has tenderness in 11 of 18 specific points back of the head, neck, shoulders, upper back, upper chest, lower back, hips, elbows and knees. However, it is possible for fibromyalgia patients to experience pain in fewer than 11 of the points.

Rush is one of two Chicago area centers among 40 sites across the country that will be performing this clinical trial using an investigational agent. Doctors believe that this investigational agent will work on an area of the brain, that controls pain signals. The drug is an analgesic with a mechanism sim-

ilar to some currently available anti-seizure medications. Similar medications have been proven to have therapeutic effects in patients with shingles and diabetic neuropathy.

"The pain that a fibromyalgia patient experiences is intense and these patients endure this widespread pain everyday," said Dr. Robert Katz, primary investigator and rheumatologist at Rush.

According to a British study, approximately 6-7 percent of the population suffers from fibromyalgia. Ninety

percent of these cases are found in women, especially young women between the ages of 25 and 40.

"Fibromyalgia is a troubling disease that concerns many women," said Dr. Eric Ruderman, rheumatologist at Rush. "The investigational agent we are testing may turn out to be an effective fibromyalgia treatment."

Although doctors have yet to find a cause for fibromyalgia they do believe that in many cases it can be triggered by trauma. Ruderman also points out that there may be a genetic component of the disease.

Individuals should call (312) 226-0130 for more information about participating in the study.

Free blood pressure screenings at Oak Lawn Library

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free Blood Pressure Screenings at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., every third Wednesday at noon to 2 p.m. in the library's Raymond Avenue lobby. The next scheduled screening date is Wednesday, January 19. This free public service will be offered January through June, 2000.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and

Christ Hospital and Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call Peggy Daudell at Christ Hospital, 708-346-3289; or the library, 708-422-4990.

Christ Hospital and Medical Center, Oak Lawn, repeats "100 Top Hospitals" national recognition

For the second straight year, Christ Hospital and Medical Center, Oak Lawn, has been selected one of the nation's best hospitals, according to the 1999 "100 Top Hospitals: Benchmarks for Success" study.

Focusing on key performance measures related to high quality care, efficiency of operations and sustainability of overall performance, the independent study identified the top 100 performers based on data from more than 6,000 acute care and specialty hospitals in the U.S.

Christ Hospital, which is part of Advocate Health Care, was one of the 15 major teaching hospitals honored in the country and one of only six Illinois hospitals singled out in the study. Another hospital in the Advocate system, Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, was named among the 100 Top Hospitals for the fourth time.

"This top national recognition and other awards we have received over the past five years are the result of the dedication and team effort of physicians, associates, volunteers and hundreds of others who are committed to Christ Hospital and Medical Center," said Carol Schneider, chief executive, Christ Hospital and Medical Center.

Used as an important benchmark of the top performing hospitals in the nation, the "100 Top Hospitals" analysis is published

annually by HCIA, a Baltimore based health care information company, and The Health Network, a leading consumer television and Internet health care information site, to recognize hospitals that demonstrate superior performance.

"To gain this recognition for the second straight year, Christ Hospital again had to rank above its peers in eight categories related to clinical practices, operations and financial management," noted Schneider.

These categories included the risk adjusted mortality index, risk adjusted complications index, severity adjusted average length of stay, expense per adjusted discharge, profitability (cash flow margin), proportion of outpatient revenue, total facility occupancy index and productivity (total asset turnover ratio).

The "100 Top Hospitals: Benchmarks for Success" honors will be presented to Christ Hospital and other top hospitals at an awards banquet this winter in Orlando, Florida.

The largest private hospi-

missions, Christ Hospital and Medical Center is a 754-bed teaching, research and referral hospital and Level I trauma center that serves approximately 33,000 inpatients, 65,000 emergency patients and 180,000 outpatients each year. The hospital is a recognized leader in cardiac care, children's health, women's and infant's health, cancer care, rehabilitation services, addiction medicine and psychiatry. Christ Hospital is part of Advocate Health Care, recognized as the number one integrated health care network in the nation.

Valentine's on Ice

Park district plans February ice-skating party

Local families are invited to join the Oak Lawn Park District for a Family Valentine's Night where pizza, entertainment, skating and crafts are all part of the fun. This annual event will be held Wednesday, Feb. 9, at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton Ave. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The pizza party will last from 5:45 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed by an open skate until 8:30 p.m. The fee—which includes skate rental—is \$6 for Oak Lawn residents and \$8 for non-residents.

Registration is required for this special event. For more information, call the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2200 or the Oak Lawn Ice Arena at (708) 857-5173.

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Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau awards \$14,413 in local tourism grants

Lansing, IL — The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau awarded \$14,413 in Local Tourism Grants to help communities and member not-for-profit agencies market Chicago Southland attractions and events to visitors outside the region.

Three separate grants were awarded for a variety of projects, from web site development to advertising in regional leisure publications.

- The Bloom Centennial Committee was awarded a \$3,452 grant for website development and printing of 30,000 newsletters for the upcoming Bloom Centennial Celebration. The materials are designed to draw Bloom High School graduates from all over the country back to the Chicago Southland for the school's 100th Anniversary Celebration.

- The Village of South Holland was awarded \$5,961 for their "Year of the Millennium Events" promotions. The grant monies will be used to print 5,000 brochures highlighting the year's events, plus advertising in Midwest Living magazine in support of the events and the brochure.

- The Lemont Area Historical Society was awarded \$5,000 to produce 2,500 brochures for the Old Stone Church Museum.

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau annually awards up to \$66,000 in three grant cycles in their Local Tourism Grant Program. Eligible entities include Chicago Southland municipalities and member not-for-profit organizations that produce marketing materials and advertising programs designed to attract outside visitors to the Chicago Southland region.

"The Local Grant Program has been a very successful marketing tool for our member municipalities and not-for-profit agencies," said Jim Garrett, President/CEO of the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau. "Our partners have developed a wide variety of marketing materials designed to attract outside visitors to their communities and the Chicago Southland."

"The Bureau's ability to offer programs such as the Local Tourism Grant Program allows greater participation and partnership with our member municipalities

and not-for-profits in marketing our entire region as an attractive and affordable leisure and meeting destination," Garrett said. "Working together to promote and market the Chicago Southland's many festivals and events, recreational opportunities, and historical attributes brings visitors and the economic benefits associated with these visitors to our region."

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau hosts periodic Local Tourism Grant Workshops designed to outline the grant application procedure. For additional information about the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau's Local Tourism Grant Program, contact Bureau Marketing Manager Kim Kisowski at (708) 895-8200.

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Business leaders in bank include

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Bud has more than 25 years of experience in the financial industry. Most recently, First Midwest employed him as a Vice President of Real Estate Remediation; and for many years, Stroka was an Executive Vice President and General Counsel for

Heritage Bank. He earned a BA in History and completed a Juris Doctor in Law from DePaul University, while employed by the Chicago Police Department. Stroka is a member of the Illinois Bar and Illinois Bar Association.

Marquette National Corporation is a \$1 billion holding company for Marquette National Bank, which serves the financial needs of the southern Chicagoland communities. Its offices are located in Chicago, Bridgeview, Evergreen Park, Summit, Oak Lawn, Orland Park and Manhattan, Illinois.



Announcement of Judges Candidacy

Judge Peter J. Flynn, of the Circuit Court of Cook County, has announced that he will be a candidate in the upcoming primary election on Tuesday, March 21.

Judge Flynn will be a candidate in the 3rd. Sub-Circuit District, which includes the 13th, 14th, 15th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 34th Wards. It also encompasses Stickney and Worth Townships.

Judge Flynn is a graduate of Harvard College with a magna cum laude degree in government. He received his law degree from Yale Law School. Upon graduation from Yale, the judge served two years in Western Nigeria as a Peace Corps volunteer and assistant lecturer in law at the University of Ife. He has been a member of two prestigious law firms in the Chicago area.

Area Does Not Need Another Hole in the Ground

Once again, the quality of life for the residents of the northwest part of the Third Congressional District is being threatened by an ill conceived plan to expand quarry operations in the Village of McCook. The existing quarry operations have already caused many problems. Because of these real problems, it is an opportune time to reconsider the rationale of operating quarries in heavily populated urban areas.

The Village of McCook recently approved the Material Service Corporation's (MSC) rezoning request which will allow them to expand their operations. The company maintains that their proposal is the "best use" of this property and that quarry expansion will save the jobs of approximately 50 MSC employees. This is shortsighted and misleading.

Although we must always work to protect the jobs of hardworking men and women, the argument that the "best use" of this prime real estate would be to ultimately render it useless by digging another quarry is questionable. This area is centrally located with the benefit of access to major expressways, railroads, and Midway Airport. The Village of McCook recognized

these assets when it approved the creation of a nearby industrial park at the corner of 55th Street and East Avenues that attracted new businesses and created new jobs.

By approving the quarry expansion, the Village now jeopardizes this new development and further undermines the existing industry, residential communities, and infrastructure. The problems with the ongoing quarry operations must be addressed and corrected before others are allowed to develop. Just as I stood with my constituents in opposition to the reservoir and incinerator, I will work to persuade the Village of McCook to reconsider their decision and will support the legal efforts of the neighboring municipalities and local businesses to stop the quarry expansion.

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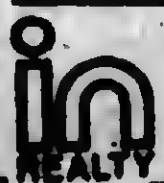
Little Company has Out of Town Visitors

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Little Company was visited by some distinguished, out of town visitors on December 22, 1999. Sister Margaret Christina Hoban, L.C.M., welcomed the visitors, who along with State Representative James D. Brosnahan, helped Santa distribute gifts to the Pediatric patients. (L to R) Representative James D. Brosnahan, Sister Margaret Christina Hoban, L.C.M., Santa, Sister Elizabeth Gilroy, Australia, L.C.M., and Sister Gertruda Youn, Korea, L.C.M.

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Wadas to Retire as Township Clerk

Edward A. Wadas has announced his retirement as Stickney Township Clerk after serving in the office for nearly 37 years.

"It is with great reluctance and mixed feelings that I am submitting my resignation effective Jan. 31, 2000," Wadas informed Township trustees and members of the Board of Health.

Appointed to the post in 1963 by Supervisor Dr. Robert L. Smith following a scandal in which Dr. Smith and Assessor James Londres were the only survivors, Wadas ran for election in 1965 and has been returned to office in every election since then.

He has served during three administrations, being the only survivor of his ticket in 1969 when Howard Scheulin was elected and then running on the ticket with the present supervisor, State Senator Louis S. Viverito, in 1973.

"My association with the Stickney Township Board of Trustees and Board of Health has been a very pleasant one, and I will miss the fine people who have helped make my political experience so worthwhile," he said. "However, I find at this time in my life it is difficult for me to fulfill the required obligations of this position."

Wadas gave special credit

to the administration of Viverito, with whom he has served the longest. "Lou has done a truly amazing job in making Stickney township one of the best run branches of government in the nation. In every service Stickney is a recognized leader in the state and nation," he said.

Viverito and all board members praised Wadas as one of the deans of township clerks in the state. "I doubt if anyone has served longer in the position and I know no one has done a better job," said Viverito. "We will miss him and wish him the best of luck in all his endeavors and may good health prevail for him in his retiring years."

Wadas has run a small iron shop in Cicero and plans to remain active in that business. He and his wife, Melanie, have two children and six grandchildren. Their son, Kenneth, is a Circuit Court judge and their daughter, also named Melanie, is a Secretary. Their grandchildren are Scott, David, Dana and Nicole Wadas and Kimberly and James Eccardt.

Wadas and his wife will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary in February. He enlisted in the U. S. Army Air Force in 1943 and served for two years. He enjoys model building and has crafted six ships; one stagecoach and other miscellaneous items.

Library Offers Speakers Bureau Service

Clubs and organizations who need speakers and speakers who wish to make themselves available to such groups are invited to contact the Oak Lawn Public Library Speakers Bureau Service.

The library's Speakers Bureau List offers a wide variety of topics for audiences of all ages and backgrounds. A list of participating speakers is now available for viewing at the library's web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

The library does not act as an agent for any of the speakers, who may or may not charge a fee. All speaking arrangements and financial agreements must be made between the speaker and the hiring group. Speakers are added to the list as they are submitted. The entire Speakers Bureau Service List is reviewed and revised every two years.

To get a copy of the list or to find out how you can be included on the list, contact Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

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Scholarship deadline for High School & College students

High school students with a grade point average of 'B' or better and college students with a GPA of 'B+' or better are eligible for a \$1,000 college scholarship (U.S. citizens only). All requests for applications must include the following: student's name, permanent home address, city, state, zip code, name of current high school or college, approximate GPA, and year in school during the 1999-2000 academic year.

To receive an application, e-mail scholar@ecsf.org, paper mail Educational Communications Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 5012, Lake Forest, IL 60045-5012, or fax (847) 295-3972. Requests must be received by March 16, 2000.

Applications will be fulfilled by mail only, on or about April 7, 2000. Two hundred and fifty (250) winners will be selected on the basis of academic performance, involvement in extracurricular activities, and some consideration for financial need. A total of \$250,000 will be awarded.



Rick Ryan candidate meets worth curator

Girl Scout Cookie Sale starts soon

Keeping alive a decades-long tradition, Girl Scouts in the South Cook County Council will soon "Step Forward" to Cookie Sale 2000.

Under that theme, Girl Scouts will take orders from January 21 to 30. Cookies will be delivered in March.

There is a new variety this year. Animal Treasures is a shortbread cookie with a fudge layer, embossed with pictures of endangered animals.

Other varieties are Shortbread, Caramel Delites, Thin Mints, Upside-down Frosted Oatmeal, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Peanut Butter Patties, and Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes. All cookies are \$3.00 a box. Proceeds from the sale support activities of the South Cook County Council and all participating

troops.

In addition to the fundraising aspect of the sale, girls have the opportunity to practice real-life skills as they plan together, set goals, learn to meet the public, accept responsibility for deadlines and deliveries, and handle funds. Many adult women credit their early cookie selling experience with being the first step in a successful career.

Girl Scouts is the World's preeminent Organization dedicated solely to girls, where in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adults, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives — like strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

In the Girl Scouts, they discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together; and through the many enriching experiences provided by the Girl Scouts, they can grow courageous and strong.

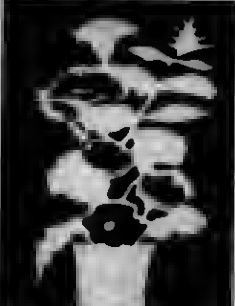
For More information about the Cookie Sale or about Girl Scouts, contact the Council Service Center in Homewood at 708.957.8100.

Show & Tell at O.L. Garden Club meeting

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will meet on Thursday, January 27, 2000 at 9:15 A.M. at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. Room 9. Members will be bringing in their favorite craft for "Show and Tell." Hostesses will be: Marci Strich and Helen Wolfe.

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Whether you sell flower baskets, flagpoles or fleece jackets, you will need a web site in order to effectively compete in the new millennium, according to the Women's Business Development Center (WBDC) in Chicago.

"Developing a web site is a big challenge for many small business owners, but it is essential if you want to stay in business," says Hedy Ratner, WBDC copresident, adding that the center offers low cost workshops on web site development led by consultant Marilyn Dollar. Dollar's company, Dollar works, specializes in web design for small business owners.

Research shows that people go online for research, to make a purchase, or for pure entertainment, Dollar says. "Trends indicate that people are using the web to buy price and service, not just products," she states. "Now, more than ever, you must offer a competitive price and an add-on service or you may find yourself out of business."

What to do? The WBDC offers these tips:

Use a web architect to build the site and handle the support and updates you will need. "Don't do it on your own unless you truly have the time, resources and ex-

pertise," Dollar says. "Be wary of the how to do your own web site software which provide only templates and is not that helpful when it comes to creating a web presence that stands apart." Do not put your written company profile online.

"A site that is very text heavy won't sell your product or service," Dollar says. A business owner should expect the construction of their web site to take two or three months, she adds. Use web sites you already like as a model for your own site. And, keep in mind that a typical web site for a small business is 10 pages deep. "Five pages may work if you have a one or two person service business," she says. Make sure your web site is reaching your customer base. "The typical Internet browser is age 26-30, and 70 percent have an income of \$40,000 plus," she says. "If this is not your market, a good web architect can help ensure you market your site to reach your customer base. Develop a high touch web site. Most people visit a web site only once, she says. If it doesn't offer to help the person with their problem, they'll keep going till one does, then bookmark it never to return to the other sites again. Instant reply email, personal phone calls, chat

rooms that are staffed, short videos and other techniques all can help you.

Determine how you want to market your web site. "This can be as simple as sending out letters or post cards to your clients, or much more involved including the placement of banner ads, and a launch event," says Dollar. Get design costs up front. She estimates the fee to set up a 10 page web site may run from \$2,000 to \$5,000. There also may be a daily, weekly or monthly maintenance fee. A firewall, which can cost from \$300 into the thousands, is essential in that it can prevent others from hacking into "your system and capturing the information. And of course there's a cost for the monthly Internet service provider (ISP) and for registration of the domain name. "The time for waiting to establish a web site is over," says Dollar. "To remain competitive, you must begin now to take advantage of all the Internet has to offer." For further information about the workshops, call the WBDC at (312) 853-3477. The WBDC, a not for profit organization founded in 1986, is a full service provider of business development services for women. Nationally recognized for its responsive, innovative and effective

programs and advocacy efforts, the WBDC is committed to increasing the capacity of entrepreneurs and strengthening the economy by delivering training and counseling, and by providing finance, procurement and advocacy programs for women business owners. The Women's Business Development Center is located at 8 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 400, Chicago, IL 60603. Marilyn Dollar's website is located at <http://www.dollarworks.com> her email address is mardollar@hotmail.com.

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Governor salutes Illinois film industry for best year ever

SPRINGFIELD - Governor George H. Ryan today commended the Illinois film industry, noting that 1999 was the busiest and most successful year ever for film and television production.

"Film projects are an important part of Illinois economy," Ryan said. "The 49 major projects that took place in Illinois last year created over 17,000 local and temporary jobs and pumped a total of \$124 million into the communities where the filming took place."

Anchoring Illinois' film industry was CBS hit series "Early Edition", starring Kyle Chandler. Filmed on location in Illinois for the past four years, "Early Edition" is the largest project in Illinois film history, and has contributed more than \$80 million to the state's economy. Also filming in Illinois were the popular and critically-acclaimed hospital dramas "E.R." and "Chicago Hope", both of which used extensive outdoor and location shots of Chicago in their production.

Highlighting Illinois' movie-making efforts were "High Fidelity", starring Evanston's own John and Joan Cusack, and "Return To Me", starring David Duchovny and Minnie Driver and directed by Chicagoan Bonnie Hunt.

Other major motion pictures shot in Illinois included "The Visitors", "Unconditional Love", "Soul Survivor", "Driven", "Goodbye Sunrise" and "Save the Last Dance."

The Department of Commerce and Community Affairs' (DCCA) Illinois Film Office provides assistance to the numerous projects that choose Illinois as their location.

"When you take into account all of the different industry elements that are affected by the film industry, including hospitality, construction, animation, and post-production services, it becomes clear that it is in Illinois' best interest to aggressively promote our state as a premier filming location," DCCA Director Pam McDonough said.

The Illinois Film Office is in its 23rd year of operation. Estimates since 1976 show that the motion picture and television industry has pumped more than a billion dollars into the state's economy, creating over 300,000 film-related jobs.

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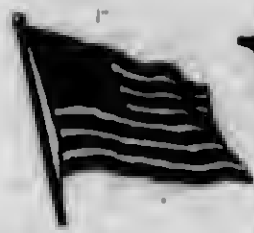
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Community activity in Garfield-Ridge

By Rick Techman

Garfield-Ridge is the home of numerous community groups. For youth there is the PEE-WEE, Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball Leagues. Each of these leagues, coached by mothers and fathers, unified and supported by local businesses and financed by annual dance and book events are self-sustaining.

Boy and Girl scout groups, also overseen by parents, and some churches receive great participation from youth and are equally independent.

The Garfield-Ridge Chamber of Commerce, which officially became

chartered during the 1950's by the State of Illinois has been recognized by various individuals, groups and the community for its efforts to gain implementation of needed improvements in the Garfield-Ridge business district.

In its early years, the Garfield-Ridge Chamber of Commerce accomplished the widening of Archer Avenue, the building of concrete walks and the building of more than three miles of curbs on the business street.

The Chamber also sought from the authorities and received the newest available street lighting for Archer,

55th Street, Central, Harlem and Cicero Avenue business streets.

The Chamber is also known for its campaign to build a new bridge across the canal to the north on Central Avenue which has since been completed. During earlier years the Chamber also provided annual medical fairs conducted by fully licensed physicians, dentists and nurses for the health of the residents.

Also Garfield-Ridge as two civic leagues, the Garfield-Ridge Civic League and the Vittum Park Civic League. Both of these leagues have brought tremendous improvement to the community including the building and evolution of Kennedy High School. The leagues are self supporting and work closely with the Chamber of Commerce.

There are 14 organized senior citizen clubs in Garfield-Ridge. All of these clubs provide information, monitor laws, pensions and Social Security Benefits, Medicare and Medicaid and arrange tours for their members. Some of these clubs are sponsored by local churches.

Garfield-Ridge has two veterans groups. One is chartered by the American Legion and supports numer-

ous causes. The other is chartered under the Veterans of Foreign Wars, has its own building and is self-sustaining.

Garfield-Ridge also has a Kiwanis Club which meets weekly and a Rotary Club. Both are independent, self-sustaining groups which raise funds for the needy and perform charitable deeds.

on the current map would qualify for the tax break. As noise patterns change, eligibility for the tax break also could change.

The referendum is being proposed throughout the state by the Alliance of Residents Concerning O'Hare, of which Jack Saporito is executive director, and the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission, of which Marius (Scotty) Gallagher is a member. Pat Quinn, former state treasurer and Cook County commissioner, is also a sponsor.

In urging the trustees to approve putting the advisory referendum on the ballot State Senator/Supervisor Louis Viverito commented: "It makes sense that if



Area student won essay contest

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 177, Chicago, IL, sponsored the 1999-2000 VFW Youth Essay Contest at Chicago area schools. The 1st place school winner for Owen Scholastic Academy, located at 8427 South Christiana Ave. is Miss Brittany G. Thomas, an eight grade student. The award of a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond was presented to her at on December 16, 1999 at a ceremony at the school auditorium attended by the entire student body and guests.

Miss Thomas will now compete with other school winners for the VFW 3rd District prizes. The District 1st place prize of \$200 U. S. Savings Bond; 2nd place prize \$150 U. S. Savings Bond; and the 3rd place prize of a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond, will be awarded at the presentation ceremony at 2:00 PM on January 30, 2000, at the Connolly Victory VFW Post located at 3743 W. 63rd Street in Chicago.

The 1st place District winner will then compete for the VFW department of Illinois awards in February.

Pictured L to R are: John Swan, the District Youth Activities Chairman; Joe Okroi, Post service officer; Miss Brittany G. Thomas, essay school winner; John Nasakaitis, 3rd VFW District adjutant; and School Principle Brendan P. Kernaghan.

Seek Tax Break for Area Homeowners

Stickney Township trustees have approved placement of an advisory referendum on the March 21 ballot asking the state legislature to provide a tax break for homeowners forced to endure a high level of noise from planes using Midway Airport.

If enacted, the law would provide a \$4,500 reduction in the equalized assessment Valuation of an owner occupied residential property experiencing 65 decibels of airport noise at some time during the average day.

It is estimated that the tax break would vary from \$350 to \$500 per year depending on the property tax rates in the neighborhood. The exemption would be in addition to the existing general homestead exemption. Senior citizen homeowners would receive three Property tax exemptions: the general homestead exemption, the senior homestead exemption and the airport neighbor exemption for those in the airport area.

The resolution asserts that residents living near airports are required to endure a "diminished quality of domestic life" because of the constant noise, air pollution and other safety risks that come with residential property located in proximity to an air-

port.

While federal laws required airports to take measures to abate some of these hazards, the resolution continues, neither federal, state nor local laws recognize the effect of airport noise on residential property values.

As a result, tax bills of airport neighbors are "excessive and inequitable" and will remain so without a uniform state law providing tax relief to residential neighbors of airports.

Specifically, the ballot proposal would put forth the following question:

"Shall the Illinois General Assembly enact the Airport Neighbor Homestead Exemption law which would provide annual property tax relief to homeowners who have been subjected to excessive airport noise and environmental stress."

The proposed law would apply to airport areas throughout the state as well as Midway.

The noise level for each home would be determined by "noise contour maps" which municipalities are required to prepare by existing federal law. The maps are regularly updated, reviewed and approved by the Federal Aviation Administration. Any home within the 65 decibel range

Lyons Announces Internet Site to Help Find Scholarships

State Representative Eileen Lyons (R-LaGrange), would like to inform high school seniors, college students and their parents of a new Internet service designed to make their scholarship search easier. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission's (ISAC) website now has a free service that will compile student information and within 24 hours let them know what scholarships are available to them.

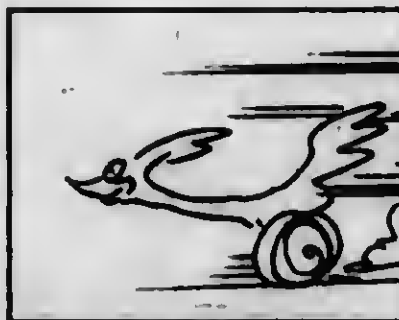
"I know that there are many people that depend on scholarships as a way to afford college," said Lyons. "This website will help make the search to find scholarships much easier."

The financial aid location service is called HigherEdNet and can be reached by logging onto the ISAC webpage at www.isac1-org. The system uses a comprehensive database to provide information on federal, state, institutional and private

sources of financial aid.

It is a very easy system to use and there is no cost. By providing information such as, academic interest, post-secondary education plans, extra-curricular activities and hobbies, students will receive a customized report listing specific financial aid programs for which they can apply. The results are emailed within 24 hours and the service is updated continuously with new awards.

For more information on the program, call ISAC at 1-800-899-ISAC (4722), or log onto their webpage at www.isac1.org.



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O'Malley: New law addresses problems with child-support checks

Ensuring that Illinois families are receiving their child-support payments in a more timely manner is the aim of a new law signed Jan. 5 by Gov. George Ryan, according to State Sen. Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park).

House Bill 2773 will reduce the volume of checks being processed by the besieged State Disbursement Unit (SDU), assist the SDU in getting necessary information and help families victimized by the bureaucratic snarl.

"This new law addresses operational problems with the new system of disbursing child support. Its implementation is no guarantee that all the troubles in recent months will magically disappear, but it should help get the process back on track," O'Malley said. "Too many families have suffered financially because of the problems the new State Disbursement Unit has had."

The Governor also announced Jan. 5 that Chicago-based Bank One will conduct an internal audit of the new SDU, an audit that will focus on the management and operation of the SDU system, including hardware, software, procedures, customer service and fiscal

management. Specifically, House Bill 2773:

- Clarifies the type of child support checks to be handled by the SDU - 1) all public assistance cases and 2) all income withholding checks. Circuit clerks will continue to deal with all non-public assistance cases in which a direct payment is made to the circuit clerk.

- Requires, through a phased-in process, employers to use electronic fund transfers to make payments to the SDU - The phase-in begins June 30, 2000, for employers with more than 250 employees.

- Improves communication between the Illinois Department of Public Aid, circuit clerks and employers - The Department will be required to hold four regional training seminars for circuit clerks by Feb. 1, 2000, and four regional seminars for employers by Mar. 1.

House Bill 2773, which has an immediate effective date, received overwhelming support during the 1999 fall legislative session.

O'Malley is very involved in the child-support issue at the local and state levels. In 1991, he sponsored a law that calls for criminal penalties for people who willful-

ly disobey court orders to pay child support. Robert Lyons, administrator of the Department of Public Aid's Division of Child Support Enforcement, says that law puts Illinois in the forefront of efforts nationwide to enforce court-ordered financial child support.

The 18th District Senator also works regularly with Lyons' office to resolve citizen disputes about child support and correct faulty records.

O'Malley also sponsored a 1997 law that requires parents paying child support to notify custodial parents about changes in their employment or face contempt charges.

I've Always Wanted to.....

The Palos-Orland Business and Professional Women's Club cordially invites all women to attend its first Millennium Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, February 8th at Mama Vesuvio East, 6861 College Drive, Palos Heights, IL at 6:30 p.m. (dinner) with a 7:30 pm presentation. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

Meet Theresa M. Kulat, an attorney, public speaker, business coach, wife and mother.

Her "I've Always Wanted To..." topic will show us that our thoughts and words have power and by cultivating and controlling this power, we can change our lives by our own design create the reality we want. Learn what tools you need to achieve what you desire. Come and join us, Guests are welcome!

Reservations for dinner can be made by calling Miriam Wallace at 708/598-6866; for membership information call Carole Valentino at 708/974-1102.



Brooks, Kumingo speak about Worth History

Christine Brooks, Curator of the Worth Park District Historical Museum, and former Worth mayor and current member of the Worth Historical Society Daniel Kumingo recently gave a fascinating presentation on the history of Worth as part of the Village View sponsored lecture program "A View of the Century" at the Oak Lawn Library.

Brooks, in historical dress, lectured on the I & M Canal while Kumingo spoke about his personal experiences as a resident of Worth. The Worth Park District Historical Museum is located in the Charles M. Christensen Terrace Center, 11500 S. Beloit. For more information on the museum call (708) 448-7080 or visit the website at <http://home.att.net/~cjbbooks/>.

The lecture series will continue to run at the library for the next 5 consecutive Mondays spotlighting the history of a different suburb every week. For more information on the lecture series please call (708) 423-9754.

Fine for illegal signs discussed; water rates on the rise in Palos Heights

By Carlene O'Connor

At the Tuesday night meeting of the Palos Heights City Council the alderman referred to committee a sign ordinance. This would entail fining residents \$200 a day for illegal signs.

This would cover the cost of public works employees who remove the signs and not political signs according to Alan Fulkerson, (2nd Ward) who heads the committee of Licensing Permits and Franchises.

Alderman Healy of the 4th Ward announced that the price of water will be going up 4 cents a gallon for Palos Heights residents in the next couple of months. Healy said it's because the supplier (Alsip) has to pass on the rate they are billed from the City of Chicago.

Palos Heights resident Arlene Busch asked the Council to have the Friends of Lake Katherine audited. Her request

to review city employees involvement in Lake Katherine was referred to the council's finance committee.

The next meeting of the Palos Heights Council will be January 18 at City Hall.

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Restriction on Payday loan

In the absence of Mayor Kolb (who was attending a Mayor's conference) senior Trustee Ron Stancik conducted the regular January 25th Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting.

Trustee Jerry Hurek awarded plaques and a \$20 gift certificate to the winners of the 1st District Christmas Home Decorating Contest. The following families were recognized:

The Bowker Family 5611 W. 88th Place, The Erdakos Family 6769 W. 87th Place, The Stanko Family 9707 S. Rutherford, The Swiatek Family 6300 W. 94th St., The Cezar Family 6158 W. 93rd St., The Brannigan Family 9151 S. Ridgeland, The Connolly Family 6657 W. 91st St. and The Olsen

Family 9058 S. Meade.

The Oak Lawn Peer Jury received a favorable progress report from program administrators. Beginning its 4th year, the Peer Jury consists of a group of predominantly teen-aged volunteers who evaluate the guilt or innocence of fellow youths those charged with municipal code infractions.

Those who elect to participate in the Peer Jury program "bypass" the formal juvenile court system which is presided over by State sanctioned professional jurists.

In the last 3 years, 175 cases were adjudicated, with 4356 hours of "community service" performed for 11 different agencies. Statistics indicated 94.9 percent of the alleged offenders elected the latter method of resolving their cases.

It was noted there were no repeat arrests as juveniles for those who participated in the Peer Jury program.

Trustee Marjorie Joy handed out certificates to the students from Oak Lawn and Richards High Schools who participated in the Village Vehicle Sticker Design Competition. The first place winner was Patricia Sanchez, who also received a \$200 gift certificate. Second place honors went to Christa Erickson and third place recognition was awarded to Ercella Garcia.

Trustee Ron Stancik urged the Village to purchase additional trees with Community Development Block Grant funds.

Any money used for this purpose would deprive seniors and those with low or fixed income from funds set aside for much needed home repairs.

While plaques and similar recognition of "Tree City" status are prominently displayed in and about the Village Hall, the availability of "Block Grant" funds for low and fixed income residents is rarely mentioned in Village sponsored publications.

Stancik stated sales tax revenue was "flat" and urged the Board to monitor the situation. Stancik, however, failed to mention specifically how he felt the latter review might be accomplished.

Trustee Wm. Keane brought to the Board's attention the fact that a sign in the now vacant Ricketti's Restaurant at



Chamber continues with business volunteers

by Annette Dixon

Executive Director, Joan Kennedy, Oak Lawn Chamber discusses daily procedures with Cora Shannahan, chamber volunteer.

Joan Kennedy with her winning personality conducts work as usual with only volunteer help. Kadoos to Joan for all her hard work and successful staff of volunteers.

5172 W. 95th St. promoted a business *not located within the Village.*

Keane additionally inquired of Village counsel whether the latter scurrilous activity was permissible under the comprehensive safeguards written into the municipal sign codes.

Continuing an ongoing repulsion of the half-dozen or so "PayDay" loan stores located within the Village, the Board voted to further restrict future similar businesses to C-3 zoning areas or shopping districts.

Citing as reasons the "fact" such "PayDay Loan Stores attract criminal activity in the neighborhoods where they are located because they are well advertised quick sources of cash," the Board unanimously approved the restriction "in order to protect the health, safety and welfare that is placed at

risk by the continuing proliferation of PayDay Loan Stores..."

Exempt from such limitations are "Banks, currency exchanges, savings and loan associations and finance companies." Presumably such businesses are perceived to be of a lesser risk in attracting criminal activity.

No formal crime statistics were presented by Police Chief Houk or any Village official to support the "public health, safety and welfare" rationale so noted in the ordinance.

The Board authorized the re-zoning of 4405 W. 95th St. from R-1 (multi-family) to C-1 (general business.) The petitioner, Peter Kattos, owner of Petey's Restaurant next door, intends to utilize the space for additional parking.

Legal & Ordinance Notes:

The Legal & Ordinance Committee acknowledged advanced technology and revised a long standing ordinance that restricted placement of central air conditioning units to a back yard location. Asserting newer units make "far less noise," the equipment may now be located between buildings "if deemed reasonable and necessary."

In another matter, the same Board failed to recognize similar advanced construction methodology and continued the prohibition of PVC plastic pipe *within the jurisdiction of the Village.*

PVC piping is widely accepted in the construction industry throughout the country because of its ease of use and non-corrosive qualities.



O'Brien received award from government association

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has announced that the District has received an award from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Commissioner Harry "Bus" Yourell, Chairman of the Budget and Employment State Legislation and Rules, accepted the Distinguished Budget Award from Jeffrey L. Esser, Executive Director of GFOA. In presenting this award to Commissioner Yourell, the highest form of recognition in Government Budgeting, the award represents a significant achievement by the District.

Commissioner Yourell stated that "this award recognizes that the District Budget is proficient as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communication device". Yourell concluded by saying that "this is the 15th consecutive Budget Award presented by the GFOA to the District".

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Celebrate the installation

Burbank Chamber Celebrates 29th Installation
The Burbank Chamber of Commerce proudly announces the slate for the 29th Annual Installation Ceremony to be held on Friday evening, January 28th at Annie Tiques Banquets. The 2000 Executive Board is as follows:

President Grace J. Smith, Legislative Aide
1st Vice President Roxane Sanderson, IHS Brentwood
2nd Vice President Jim Bokenkamp, Retired Supt, District 111
Treasurer Caroline Aikala, Aloha Travel Service
Secretary Donna Galeher, Nikolovski & Kowalik, DDS

Hope you will be able to join us and show your support for the new Board! All are welcome ... for more information & reservations, please call Judy Balestri at the Burbank Chamber of- fice, 708-425-4668.

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Four students from Burbank school are essay winners



Burbank School in cooperation with the city of Burbank Police Department presented Project D.A.R.E. (Drug abuse resistance education), to the fifth grade class of Mrs. B. Armstrong and Mr. T. O'Brien. The culmination of the D.A.R.E. program was recently, and at the ceremony, four essay winners were presented certificates and were selected to read their essays. Posing for pictures left to right include Nicole Cartolano, Ashley Brunker, Steven Wiech, and Courtney Larson. Skits were performed, essays read, certificates awarded, and the fifth grade class of Burbank School thanked Detective Barbara Gagle who participated in the ceremony.

Brosnahan To Seek 3rd Term

On Monday, January 10, State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) announced that he will seek re-election for state representative of the 36th district.

"It is a great honor to represent the 36th District, I will continue to serve our community openly, honestly and with the highest standards," said Brosnahan. "As we move into the 21st Century, I want to continue fighting in Springfield for the working families in my district."

In Brosnahan's three years, as state representative, he managed to secure over \$4 million in state dollars for important local projects in his district, helped pass the HMO Reform Act-Patients Bill of Rights, and has fought for equitable school funding and permanent property tax relief.

Brosnahan, a former prosecutor with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office sponsored the "Truth in Sentencing Act" which is aimed at putting an end to the early release of violent criminals. Brosnahan was also a strong proponent of the re-enactment of the Safe Neighborhoods Act, which makes an illegal possession

of a firearm a felony. He also sponsored legislation that prohibits sex offenders from loitering in or around parks and park buildings and sponsored legislation that requires the Illinois State Police to post a child sex offender's name, address, photograph and type offense on the Internet.

"As a former prosecutor, I know that "Truth in Sentencing" is an important tool in the fight against crime," Brosnahan said. "As a legislator and a parent of four young children myself, I feel it is imperative we do all we can to protect our young ones from all harm, but particularly from sex offenders."

Representative Brosnahan has made being available and responsive a priority to his constituents. He has a full time constituent service office located at 5309 W. 95th Street in Oak Lawn. Brosnahan also hosts annual town hall meetings throughout his district. In 1999, Brosnahan hosted a Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy with Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan and hosted a property tax seminar for the homeowners of Worth Township.

"The only way a public official can serve and represent his constituents properly, is by taking a hands on approach, and making it a priority to meet and talk with as many constituents as possible."

American History Essay Contest Winners Named

The Swallow Cliff Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, has named several area students as winners in its annual American History Essay Contest (1999-2000). Local winners are Miss Victoria Nelson of Palos Heights, 5th grade level, who attends Chippewa School, District 128; Miss Christina Knight of Orland Park, 7th grade level, who attends St. Michael Elementary School; and Mr. Matthew Chwedyk of Burbank, 8th grade level, who attends St. Albert the Great Elementary School. Each student participant was required to compose an original essay expressing the theme, "An Obituary for George Washington (1732-1799)." All essays were judged for historical accuracy, originality, creativity, spelling, and grammar.

"View of the Century" Series Continues

The Honorable Dean Koldenhoven, Mayor of Palos Heights, and Carol Marsh, Historian for the Swallow Cliff Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution "I be the featured speakers at the next "View of the Century" program at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 31, 2000, at the Oak Lawn Library, Room B. There will also be a free drawing for two tickets to see Forever Plaid. AR are invited to attend.

The "View of the Century" Program Series, focuses on the centennial history and future directions of various local south suburban communities including Palos Heights, Palos Park, Oak Lawn, Evergreen Park, Bridgeview, Sponsored by Annette Dixon, of Village View, each program celebrates the profound impact of a particular community's history in shaping the south suburban region around Chicago. For further information on future topics, please call (708) 423-9754.

Brosnahan serves all of Evergreen Park, Merrionette Park, and portions of Oak Lawn, Alsip, Chicago Ridge, Blue Island, Worth, and Chicago's 19th Ward.

The Swallow Cliff Chapter plans to honor these outstanding students at our annual Youth Awards Tea in February wherein each will be presented with a framed winner's certificate and a medallion for achievement in American History.

For further information regarding this release, please contact: Carol Marsh, M A Historian, Swallow Cliff Chapter, NSDAR 9053 S. Parkside Oak Lawn, IL 60453 (708) 423-6709; FAX (708) 423-6723.

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McDonald's celebrates Groundhog Day with Outrageous Value

25¢ Hamburgers If Groundhog Doesn't See Shadow; 35¢ Cheeseburgers If Groundhog Sees Shadow
McDonald's customers throughout Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana will be watching, listening and reading weather reports closely on Wednesday, Feb. 2. On that day, traditionally known as "Groundhog Day," prices for cheeseburgers and hamburgers will be determined by whether or not the Groundhog sees his shadow.

If the Groundhog doesn't see his shadow, local McDonald's restaurants will serve 25¢ hamburgers. However, if the Groundhog sees his shadow, local McDonald's restaurants will serve 35¢ cheeseburgers.
McDonald's 25¢ hamburgers have not been on the restaurant's menu boards since 1960. There will be a limit of five sandwiches per customer, per visit.

Volunteer Services and Pastoral Care. The generosity of the TY Corporation was much appreciated by all that received their gifts.

TY, INC. "Pillow Pals" Brings Joy to Little Company

Oak Brook based TY, Inc. brought joy to children and adults alike during the holidays at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers. The brightly colored plush "Pillow Pals" - larger-like versions of their "Beanie Baby" counterparts, were distributed throughout the Hospital to areas such as the emergency department, Pediatrics unit, Mother/Baby unit, Physical Therapy, Adult Day Care Center,

Hospital and Health Care Centers is owned and operated by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary.

As the year 2000 approaches, Little Company will not only celebrate 70 years of service, but the people who have made it possible.

Disneyquest introduces two exciting ticketing opportunities for 2000:

The immensely popular DisneyQuest, Disney's indoor interactive theme park, will further enhance the guest experience by introducing two convenient new ticket purchase options: *Annual Pass*, a value-priced pass entitling its holder to more than 200 visits per year to DisneyQuest; and *Fast Pass*, a time-saving system designed to help reduce wait times. DisneyQuest provides adventures for guests of all ages by combining Disney's magic with cutting-edge immersive technologies (such as virtual reality).

DisneyQuest's new *Annual Pass* will allow its holder one unlimited-play admission per day, on over 200 days throughout the course of one year - all for an incredible value. For about the cost of two unlimited-play single day passes, the *Annual Pass* is available at only \$79.00 for adults and

\$59.00 for children ages 3 to 7. *Annual Pass* holders also receive excellent benefits including 10-percent off merchandise at the DisneyQuest retail store and 10-percent off food and beverage inside the facility at The Cheesecake Factory Express.

Fast Pass is a ticketing concept that originated in Walt Disney World® to help reduce the waiting time for guests at no additional cost. When DisneyQuest fills to capacity, *Fast Pass* will become available to guests who are waiting for entrance at that time. Here is how it works:

Guests waiting in line for entrance to DisneyQuest can either stay in the regular standby line, or purchase *Fast Pass*, which enables them to return at a designated time with no wait.

If a guest decides to purchase *Fast Pass* tickets, the

guest will receive his/her admission ticket with an assigned time to return. While awaiting their *Fast Pass* return time, guests can enjoy their free time by visiting other nearby entertainment/shopping venues such as ESPN Zone or The Disney Store.

Upon returning to DisneyQuest at their designated time, guests head straight for the *Fast Pass* entrance and immediately proceed directly onto the Cyberlator to be "blasted" into the theme park.

Located at 55 East Ohio Street (at the corner of Rush) in Chicago, DisneyQuest's winter hours are: Mondays through Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to midnight; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to midnight; and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

St. Rita Fathers' Club to sponsor dance and social

St. Rita of Cascia High School Fathers' Club will host a dance and social, Top of the Century, on Saturday, February 5, 2000 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the school gym, 7740 S. Western Ave. The dance, which is for those 21 and over, will feature music from the 40's through the 90's, provided by *Dance All Night*. The cost is \$15 per person and includes a pizza buffet. Wine, beer and soda will be available at a cost of \$1 per glass/can. Guests are invited to bring their own snacks and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets can be purchased through the school office. Checks should be made payable to the St. Rita High School Fathers' Club. For more information, call 773-925-6600.

Trustee Rosenbaum conducts meeting

By: E.J. Soezek

Appearances notwithstanding, the name PLOWS Council on Aging really has nothing to do with snow removal. It is an acronym for Palos, Lemont, Orland and Worth Townships—the areas from which eligible seniors may receive assistance from this non-profit social service organization.

A hearty group of seniors braved the snow and cold Tuesday night to attend a 4th District Neighborhood meeting sponsored by Oak Lawn Trustee Steve Rosenbaum.

As part of an ongoing program to appraise local residents of major (and minor) events and developments within the Village, the meetings held

at the Salem Church, 9710 S. Kostner have been a resounding success. A recent meeting featuring Maureen Murphy from the Cook County Assessor's Office neared overflow capacity.

Leading the agenda was an informative presentation by Diana Santolin, an administrative assistant from PLOWS Council on Aging.

Santolin explained one of the goals of the PLOWS organization is "to assist those over 60 years of age to live independently in our community." Stressing the organization is *not* a "wellfare" program, she described how many seniors often require a bit of assistance when faced with

the immutable forces of advanced age.

Whether the difficulty lies in physical or mental impairment, the full time and volunteer staff of PLOWS assisted over 8,500 clients in 19 local municipalities last year.

One of the principal features of PLOWS is providing assistance in applying for governmental assistance claims (medicaid, Link cards and similar entitlements.)

It is here where perhaps the term *Plows* assumes a more "literal" meaning: By providing a much needed "push" through the bureaucratic quagmire that is endemic in many public social service agencies.

Seniors are assisted with the often voluminous forms and paperwork. Procedures are explained clearly and concisely. Necessary support documentation is assembled ahead of time. And most importantly, long lines can be avoided by participation in an "intake" conference...conducted over the telephone!

There is no charge for any of the services and many brochures and pamphlets are available describing the diverse, invaluable programs.

PLOWS Council on Aging will again offer preparation of simple income tax forms for seniors who reside in the above noted service area.

Assistance will be provided at five locations, beginning February 1st through April 15th:

PLOWS Office
4700 W. 95th St.
Oak Lawn,
Palos Township Office
10802 S. Roberts Rd.
Palos Hills,
Lemont Township Office
16020 127th St.
Lemont,
Orland Township Office
15100 94th Ave.
Orland Park,
Worth Township Office
11601 S. Pulaski
Alsip.

Appointments are necessary for all locations and walk-ins will not be accommodated. To schedule an appointment for the PLOWS Office or Worth Township, you may call 708-422-6722 after January 28th. To schedule an appointment elsewhere, please call the site:
Palos Township
708-598-4418
Orland Township
708-403-4222
Lemont Township
630-257-2522

The next tentative 4th District meeting is Tuesday, March 21. The location and time will be announced in the local papers and on Cable TV (Channel 45.)

The programs are certainly not limited to those living in the 4th District; all Village residents are encouraged to attend.

Ready for a Change?

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For those born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Something inside you is telling you that you "can, yes, you can succeed!" Things have been strained and you need to catch up with yourself, take better control, and then watch what happens...R aids.

For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Image it first, then make sure that you let others into your plans so that you can get the help you need when you need it. This is one of those weeks where you need to balance work with pleasurable things. Don't over-do! You count too! J or G helps.

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Take a deep breath and let yourself be calm. You cannot make others do things just because you think it is best. Let others come to their own realizations. C or K and someone S can help you - ask.

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You were born with talent and insight. Write those things down that you sense, dream or feel. This is a week of "unfoldment" and delightful happenings. Be willing, however, to share them. L involved.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You meet someone who seems to be like a "mentor, a possible lover, a guide"... You want to talk things out, not shout them out. You want to make amends and forgive and be forgiven. These things can happen so fast and you get results. T helps too.

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: A chance you take seems to work in your favour. Do not let yourself down by running from what needs to be said and done. A letter comes that needs your immediate attention. Legal? Perhaps. F involved and people from out of State.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Remember, "when you can't, the powers above Can!" Ask for some insight from someone you love and/or trust. A vision of angels comes to some of you in a dream or while you are by yourself. This is good. This will restore your faith. M aids, ask.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: You are privileged to be among the very few who may experience some kind of "miracle"...it's rewards come in the way of financial assurance, better health, and love proves to be SMEP [Spiritual, Mental, Emotional and Physical]. S and J or R help.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: You get a new lease on life. You soon find out that you Can do anything you set your mind to. However, watch those stress-caused "mind-sets" that bring on depression and fatigue. You surely Can succeed this week. Set priorities and Go for it! M and R involved and meditate often.

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Bridgeview offers Little Kiddle Klub

Parents are invited to register their three through five year olds in the February meeting of the Little Kiddle Klub at the Bridgeview Park District, 8100 S. Beloit.

The klub will meet on Friday, February 11 from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm and will feature seasonal activities, a simple arts and crafts project, games, and a light snack.

The fee for this activity is \$5 for District residents and \$8 for all others.

Registration deadline for this program is February 4. Proof of residency is required.

For more information regarding Bridgeview Park District's Little Kiddle Klub call (708) 594-1818.

Jr. High open Gym at Bridgeview

Bridgeview Park District, 8100 S. Beloit, is hosting a Jammin' Junior Night for area 5th and 6th graders on Friday, February 18, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

The fee for this activity, which includes a pizza snack and an evening of open volleyball and basketball, is \$3.00 per student.

No pre-registration is necessary, although all students must show proof of grade (i.e. current school ID or Park District Youth ID) is required.

Participants must wear non-scut shoes and bring their own basketballs.

This event is chaperoned by Park District staff and volunteers. Parents are invited to check out the activity and stay the evening.

For more information regarding Bridgeview Park District's Jammin' Junior Night, please call the Park District at (708) 594-1818.

Bridgeview Park District, 8100 S. Beloit, offers a night out with the Chicago Bulls on Thursday, February 17. This trip is part of a co-op that we have with Burbank Park District. The bus will pick up and drop off at Newcastle Park, 8050 Newcastle, Burbank. For more information regarding Bridgeview is Running With The Bulls, call (708) 594-1818.

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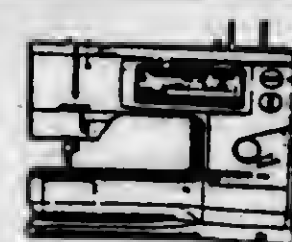
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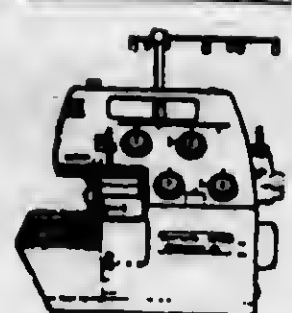
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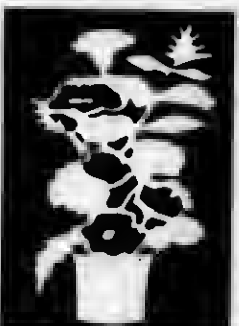
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Flowers Are At The Heart Of Every Valentine's Day Wish List

(NAPS)—A recent consumer survey commissioned by FTD, Inc., has discovered that women prefer to receive flowers (54 percent) over perfume (23 percent) and candy (12 percent) for Valentine's Day. The FTD survey also revealed that although nearly three-fourths (73 percent) of women say that they would like to receive flowers this Valentine's Day, only a third (33 percent) actually expect to receive them.

"Our survey reveals a huge opportunity for men to be heroes this Valentine's Day! This is a wake-up call for all boyfriends and husbands: women want flowers for Valentine's Day," said Bob Norton, President and CEO of FTD. "If you're not sure what to get that special someone, any FTD Florist can suggest the perfect arrangement."

Women Prefer to Have Flowers Delivered at Home

For those who wonder where to send their Valentine's Day flowers, the survey revealed that 65 percent of women prefer to receive flowers at home, and just one third (30 percent) opt for Valentine's Day flowers at the office.

Men are the top shoppers when it comes to Valentine's Day flowers although women



are slowly but surely following in their footsteps. Survey results show that three-quarters (76 percent) of men have ordered flowers for loved ones on Valentine's Day while nearly a third (30 percent) of women admitted giving flowers to the men in their lives.

"Traditionally, women have been the recipients of flowers for special occasions," Norton said. "But today, you don't have to be a woman to appreciate flowers from someone you love. Men are often just as excited to see that flower delivery arrive at their doorstep."

According to the FTD survey, 89 percent of men who will purchase flowers on Valentine's Day will buy them for wives/girlfriends. Fourteen percent of men will buy them for their mothers.

About Valentine

Valentine's Day is named for two early Christian martyrs whose common feast day was February 14. Medieval folk tradition maintained that the springtime mating of birds took place on St. Valentine's Day, which led to a later custom of choosing a valentine, or sweetheart, for the day by a random drawing. Messages of affection were passed between these randomly chosen "lovers," which were the precursors of the valentine card.

The heart shape, according to dictionary, was considered "the seat of love and affection! But the symmetrical, double-lobed figure that tapers to a point at the bottom is not the shape of the heart that beats in our bodies. It has been said that the valentine heart shape is more that of stylized human buttocks, the female torso with prominent breasts and a "wasp waist," or even the lipstick mark left by a woman's kiss.

Some claim the tradition of exchanging valentines on February 14 can be traced back to the writings of Geoffrey Chaucer.

Valentine's Day Facts & Figures

How To Buy A Diamond For Valentine's Day: 3 Basic Steps

(NAPS)—Thinking of buying your true love a diamond for Valentine's Day, but worried you don't know enough? According to the nonprofit Gemological Institute of America (GIA)—the world's foremost gemological authority on gemology—buying the diamond of your dreams should be worry-free if you follow three basic steps:

Step 1: Choose a qualified jeweler. Choose your jeweler as you would choose your doctor, lawyer or any other professional. Check a jeweler's education and qualifications, and look for affiliations with jewelry industry groups and professional associations. A knowledgeable jeweler will clearly explain the "four C's" of diamond quality and will encourage you to compare diamonds to suit your price range.

Step 2: Learn the "four C's" of diamond quality. The key to a diamond's value is its rarity, and no two diamonds are alike. Rarity is determined by a diamond's unique characteristics as measured by the four C's: Carat (weight), Clarity, Color and Cut. Using these criteria, a small diamond of exceptional quality will likely be more valuable than a larger diamond of lower quality.

Here is a brief overview:

• **Carat:** Diamonds are weighed using metric carats.

A carat weighs about the same as a small paper clip. Just as a dollar is divided into 100 pennies, a carat is divided into 100 "points." This means that a diamond of 50 points weighs 0.50 carats. But two diamonds of equal weight can have very different values depending on their clarity, color and cut.

• **Clarity:** Created by nature, most diamonds contain unique birthmarks called "inclusions" (internal) and "blemishes" (external). Diamonds with few birthmarks are rare—and rarity translates to cost. Using the internationally recognized GIA Diamond Grading System, diamonds are given a clarity grade that ranges from



A Valentine's Day diamond can be a brilliant idea.

flawless, to diamonds with more prominent inclusions (I).

• **Color:** Colorless diamonds are extremely rare and highly valued. Most are nearly colorless with yellow or brown

tints. The GIA Diamond Grading System uses letters to represent colors, beginning with D (colorless) and ending at Z (light yellow or brown).

• **Cut:** While diamonds come in many different shapes, from round brilliants to hearts, pears and marquise, cut has to do with proportions. The well-cut diamond uses light to create brilliance, sparkles and flashes of fire.

Step 3: Ask for an independent diamond grading report. For the ultimate peace of mind, ask your jeweler to provide an independent diamond grading report with your diamond. The most widely used and respected reports are those issued by the independent GIA Gem Trade Laboratory, who provide reports on the world's most important diamonds. A professional jeweler can arrange to have your diamond graded and even have a personal message or unique GIA Diamond Grading Report number laser-inscribed onto the diamond's outer edge, called the girdle.

Like true love, a diamond's light and brilliance will not diminish with time. To learn more about the "four C's" of diamond quality, or to have your diamond graded or laser-inscribed by the nonprofit Gemological Institute of America, contact your local jeweler or visit the Institute's website at www.gia.edu.

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Granny Cams

The debate is turning into a heated issue. Should cameras be allowed in patients' rooms in nursing homes for the purpose of monitoring patient care? Those opposed say it's a violation of their right to privacy. But in this circumstance, whose rights are more important? These patients are our elderly parents or perhaps our grandparents. They are defenseless, frail, and often times too intimidated to report any mistreatment for fear of retribution. This scenario seems more comparable to prison life than a place depicted to be a dignified place where caring professionals bring peace and comfort to our aging loved ones in their final days.

If cameras can provide a safety measure to protect innocent, geriatric patients from needless abuse, why would anyone object—unless of course—they had something to hide.

Nurse's aides carry the most burden, responsible for almost total patient care, and yet their job is least respected, with the least amount of pay. It is a job that knows all too well the meaning of 'burn-out.'

Nursing homes are big business. They are for profit organizations that have their eye on just that PROFIT. There are many things

that these corporations can do to improve the quality of life for these humble folks, whose families have put their utmost faith and trust in. They can take the time to seek out qualified employees by paying an appropriate wage for services that are greatly in demand. Maybe these executives who run these homes should reconsider hiring any caregiver who has objections to being filmed while doing their job. Cameras in patients' rooms seems to be a logical step towards insuring the safety of helpless residents as well as bringing their families peace of mind. The importance here is not so much an invasion of an employee's privacy, but the reality that by not having these "Granny Cams" a patient's right to decent and respectful treatment may be taken away. After all being admitted to a nursing home shouldn't be a death sentence at the hands of the very people hired to care for them.

Shows such as 20/20 have brought this travesty of abuse to our attention in recent months. The investigations into nursing home abuse caught on film, is absolutely heartbreaking. The images of gray-haired grandparents being manhandled instead of being treated with compassion is

almost unbearable to realize. And yet it happens, day and night, on a continuing basis. The generation whom nurtured us and guided our growing up years with morality and grace, are living out their twilight years being held hostage for the crime of needing nursing home care. For all our sakes, I hope that by putting a spotlight on this unfortunate situation, change will occur. Hopefully laws will be enacted to allow the use of GRANNY CAMS in nursing homes. We'll all sleep a little better knowing that those we love and care about, are sleeping safely and soundly—secure in their beds. For our elderly who are shuttered behind the walls of a nursing home, maybe the thought of cameras will prevent their golden years from being shaded in black and blue.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I commend Senator Patrick O'Malley for standing behind the values of families in our community by resigning his position as a member of Christ Hospital's Governing Council.

Recently, Christ Hospital admitted to performing abortions on babies with abnormalities such as Down Syndrome and Spina Bifida.

As a mother of three children, I think we should be protecting, not killing these babies who are the least capable of protecting themselves.

It is a concern of mine that Patricia Vlasis, a candidate for State Representative, president of the Auxiliary of Christ Hospital and a member of the hospital's Governing Council remained silent and did not take a stand on these gruesome procedures.

How can Patricia Vlasis represent our community, when she does not share our values?

Patricia Cummings

Dear Editor,

Recently, many articles have appeared in several local papers regarding the overcrowding and parking problems in the neighborhood surrounding the Lighthouse Church in Oak

Lawn. My family and I live directly across the street from the church and have witnessed and been a victim of the problems that come with the congestion and unsafe traffic situations caused by the large number of people (Rev. Willis estimates 200 people at the 11:00 am service) and the inadequate number of parking spaces (approx. 25).

I did not sign the original petition that circulated the neighborhood requesting residential parking as I was unsure of exactly what that would mean and I was not convinced that was the only solution.

The village of Oak Lawn has no one to blame but itself for allowing the situation to happen. During the church's history, there have been 2 parking variances allowed on the property, permitting the building to sizably increase in size and capacity to hold people while at the same time decreasing the parking. The church has grown from 16 members to over 700 at the

present time! While these changes in parking were allowed over 30 years ago, the stage was set for the current situation to develop. Traffic has to now spill out into the surrounding neighborhood and along with it, congestion, noise and decreased safety.

It should also be noted that as far back as 1991, Rev. Willis apparently was aware of the problem and requested to allow diagonal parking in what is presently grass parkways surrounding the church. The request was denied amid neighbor complaints, among them being those cars backing up toward the front of their homes and into busy 99th street would be unsafe. I only mention this because it proves that Rev. Willis knew the lack of parking was a concern as far back as 9 years ago and the membership of the church has since grown!

The residents and church members are now paying for the lack of foresight of the board that allowed those variances to occur. It does not seem fair to now restrict parking for all of the church members simply because a small number of them are inconsiderate and rude, but short of the village purchasing the property, I see no alternative remedy to the situation. The church members should be allowed to worship without difficulty, but a business of any other type would never be allowed to get away with this!

Sincerely,
Lynn M. Purdy
Dear Editor:

Dear Editor:

Now that the millennium has arrived, Illinois families will start paying the new tax and fee increases approved by the state legislature this past spring.

It astounds me that families have to pay these increased taxes and fees, while the elite get tax breaks.

I am writing this letter because I am tired of politicians neglecting their constituents' needs. This is why I am running for State Representative of the 36th District.

As Representative, I will oppose every tax and fee increase, provide property tax relief for families, double the state income tax credit and reduce small business taxes.

It is time for politicians to be held accountable for their actions in Springfield.

Terrence R. McGlynn

Republican candidate for State Representative 36th District

Letter to the Editor

There have been many publicly made pronouncements in the last several months describing the fiscal wizardry and brightening financial picture in Bridgeview. These have included but are not limited to claims of cost cutting and reduced spending. Unbeknownst to many of the taxpayers is that the rhetoric is not consistent with some of the facts. While the present administration has been engaging in self-congratulatory backslapping for our consumption, they have also been busy committing the taxpayers to a 6.5 million dollar bond debt.

On Dec. 6, 1999, an ad the size of three postage stamps was printed in the Southtown's legal/classified section notifying the public of a Dec. 15 hearing on the bond issue. On Dec. 8, 1999 the village board passed an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the bonds. First, according to Illinois State law, the ad is supposed to be placed in a non-classified section, and second, a public hearing is supposed to be held PRIOR to authorizing the issuance of non-referendum bonds. One does not have to be a legal scholar to understand that the intent of the Bond Issue Notification Act is to maximize public awareness and input. Given the way the ad was improperly placed, and timed with the busy holiday season, it is small wonder why its existence is so little known.

In my view, as blatant and disturbing as the above procedural violations are, the content of the bond notice is even more alarming. By definition, General Obligation Bonds are paid for out of the village's property tax base as needed and have a lower escrow requirement as a result of being backed by the administration's ability to levy taxes to repay the debt. Upon examination of this bond proposal, one sees that it is a virtual wish list of everything from depreciable items like cars and computers to capital improvements and real estate. It was stated at the Dec. 8 village meeting that there would be no property tax increase as a result of these bonds. This statement is hardly legally bind-

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ing. I would have had more confidence in this statement had it been backed up by the board issuing Revenue Bonds, which are paid for out of non property tax sources, instead of the board issuing General Obligation Bonds.

I believe village residents have been subjected to a lot of hype in their monthly (and publicly paid for) newsletter regarding the village's financial health. I think that the matter of a 6.5 million-dollar bond issue is at least as noticable as the claims of improved fiscal management. It appears highly irregular when such a large debt is conspicuously absent from the financial equation. One conclusion is that they are not really working within the limits of Bridgeview's present budget.

Nancy Katzbeck

Editor Note: This bond issue is a new bond which the Village of Bridgeview board passed on Dec. 8, 1999.

Dear Editor

We thank you for publishing the Owen Scholastic Academy school winner article of the VFW Youth Essay Contest on the front page of the January 18, 2000 issue of the Village View.

We are pleased and honored.

On January 30th Miss Thomas, the Owen Scholastic Academy school winner, and five other local school essay winners, will compete for the VFW 3rd District 3rd, 2nd and 1st place awards. We would be honored if your newspaper would cover the presentation. The VFW 3rd District has 25 VFW Post and Auxiliaries with a membership of about 5,000. Our area covers roughly the south part of Cook county.

I am sending you a copy of the awards program and other VFW Youth essay literature.

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The man behind the counter appears to be busy and sometimes looks that way, but if you don't want to check all the boxes where the records, CD's, etc. are welllllll then ask him to find the unusual hard to find song or album, CD, tape whatever you are looking for, he will help you. Holler, hey George, do you have Elvis's new recently released old songs, like *Tomorrow Night*, welllll I'll have to order it. He says, "Hey Willie," call you know and see if he can get the new old releases." Less than a week I received call from George, he picked up two

Elvis CD's for me, one from the 50's music and the other from the 60's. One CD had the song

Tomorrow Night which is the one I was looking for.

It was around 1989, that I had met George through a mutual friend. We became acquainted and talked about Mel Torme in concert. One day, in 1989 I received an invitation from George and his friend Sandy to the Rialto Theatre in Joliet to see Mel Torme.

I was so excited because I told George, Mel Torme was my favorite singer, he smiled and said I have good taste.

Recently, George handed me a column that was written by Mary Almer in the Beverly Review about George. I learned more about George from that story.

It was mentioned that he began working at Holland's Jewelry Store at 63rd and Halsted Street in the record department. I worked at the shows at 63rd and Halsted, but the only record stores I knew about were Pages Music and Record store around 61st and Halsted, so I missed Holland's record department. Actually I can only remem-

ber jewelry like most women.

In 1955, George decided to go it alone. He opened his own record store, across from the old Capitol Theatre at 79th and Halsted in Chicago.

As his business grew, he opened a new store at 78th Street and Ashland Avenue in 1966, he added a third store on 95th street in Beverly, across from the former Sobbe's Food Store.

In 1968, George moved everything to the House of Music's 95th street location. Eighteen years ago, he moved to his current location at 2057 W. 95th St.

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whom Finch schemes to impress is played by Joel Hatch. Frump, the president's inept nephew who is always outflanked by Finch is performed by Rod Thomas. The pretty secretary who dreams of being a wife in the suburbs while keeping Finch's dinner warm is another Drury Lane favorite, Heidi Ketterring. (Brigadoon, Jesus Christ Superstar,) and Hedy, the most beautiful and most mindless girl in the stenographer's pool is another favorite actress, Angela Berra. Other outstanding cast members as secretaries or executives are Alene Robertson, Roger Mueller, Nancy Voigts, and Tammy Mader, all having starred in past shows here. Returning to direct at Drury Lane Oakbrook this bright and lively evening of lying, backstabbing and sucking up is Gary Griffin, who was formerly the Artistic Director at Drury Lane-Oak Brook.

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Moraine Valley to start dual admission program with Northern Illinois University

The transition from Moraine Valley Community College to Northern Illinois University will be a little smoother for students when a dual admissions agreement takes effect this month.

The agreement provides a continuum of courses, faculty, and resources during all four years of study and allows students to attend classes at both schools at the same time if convenient. "This gives students who plan to transfer extra insurance from both schools," said Kathleen Ferrero, director of academic advising and articulation at Moraine Valley.

Participants receive an overview of their four-year program of study while completing their transfer degree at the community college. Students also receive updates on their academic progress toward completion of their bachelor's degree each semester, noting how each course taken at Moraine Valley will transfer.

Northern Illinois University is one of the top three choices of Moraine Valley transfer students along with Governors State University, and the University of Illinois at Chicago. Moraine Valley also has a dual admission agreement with Western Illinois University that began with the Spring 1999 semester.

For more information, phone the Department of Community and College Relations at 708-974-5375.

St. Rita High School students nominated for National Scholarship Program

St. Rita of Cascia High School students Gerald Sharp and Daniel Latona have been nominated to compete in the National Honor Society Scholarship Program sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Two hundred national National Honor Society winners are chosen this spring to receive \$1,000 college scholarships.

Principals from high schools throughout the country were able to nominate 2 senior members of the National Honor Society. Nominees were selected based on their leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience, and academic record.

They were also required to write an essay.

Gerald Sharp, who resides in Orland Park, is a graduate of Palos, South Junior High. Gerry is President of the St. Rita Chapter of the National Honor Society, has a 4.4 cumulative grade point average and is ranked 9th in his class. Daniel Latona, is a resident of Bridgeview and a graduate of Wilkins Junior High in Justice, Illinois. Dan is Vice President of the NNS at St. Rita, has a grade point average of 4.7, and is ranked 2nd in his class. Both students work tirelessly for the for the NHS at St. Rita.

The grunt is a fish named for the grunting sounds it makes when removed from the water.

Hammerheads Hold Benefit

The South Side Hammerheads Girl's Fastpitch Club will holding a Benefit Night fund-raising program on Wednesday February 9 from 4p-8p at the Fuddruckers at 15657 S. Harlem in Orland Park. By eating at Fuddruckers on this day and time, 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the organization.

The Hammerheads, will also have raffles, and other fun activities planned that night. The Hammerheads will use the money generated by the Benefit Night to buy uniforms, equipment and provide a quality athletic program for young ladies. Anyone interested in helping the South Side Hammerheads should stop in at Fuddruckers for dinner during this time. For more info, call Bill Lammel at (708) 499-4994.



St Bernadettes visits State Capitol

State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park), right, visits with St. Bernadette's of Evergreen Park eighth graders in the State Capitol Building during November veto session. Brosnahan urges the schools in his district who are taking class trips to Springfield, to please call his office at 708-499-2810, so he can meet up with them.

KEYNOTE LECTURE

ISSUES IN CHRISTIANITY: From the Ancient World to the Modern Day Thursday, April 13, 6:30 pm

Join two outstanding writers and scholars-Elaine Pagels and Michael Eric Dyson as they explore Christianity, past and present, in a thought provoking evening that will profoundly resonate with the *Dead Sea Scrolls* special exhibition. Pagels gained international acclaim as the author of the best-selling *Gnostic Gospels*, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award and the National Book Award. Dyson, an ordained Baptist minister and professor at DePaul University, has been called "one of the youngest stars in the firmament of black intellectuals." Dyson authored *Reflecting Black: African American Cultural Criticism*, which won the Gustavus Myers Outstanding Book on Human Rights in North America Award. Cost is \$20 (\$18 students/educators; \$15 members). For more information, call The Field Museum Education Department at (312) 665-7400.

Family Workshop

Living Stories Saturday, March 25, 1 to 3 p.m.

Families are comprised of many individuals, all with different personalities and characteristics sharing a common bond. Using story, parable and biography families will be invited to discover the stories intertwined in the *Dead Sea Scrolls* and will learn how to tell the story of their own along the way. Each family will create a scroll, which embodies their tale, to take home. Cost is \$12 per participant (\$10 per member participant). For more information, call The Field Museum Education Department at (312) 665-7400.

Antiques Show and Tell

Shirley Walsh of Antiques Unique returns to the Bridgeview Public Library Wednesday, February 9th, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM.

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Judges were so impressed with the flavor of rich and chewy Cappuccino Caramel Cookie Bars, they named the recipe its "top cookie" of the 9th Annual Quaker Oatmeal "Bake It Better with Oatmeal" Recipe Contest. The honor earned Mary Hawkes of Prescott, Arizona \$1,000 for her efforts.

Hawkes looked at food trends when deciding what kind of recipe to create for the contest. Recognizing the popularity of coffee beverages, she decided to create a coffee-flavored bar cookie using a favorite caramel cookie as a starting point. Cappuccino and coffee were the favored flavors in this year's cookie category.

Cappuccino Caramel Oat Bars

Bars

- 3 cups Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 2-1/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 cups chopped pecans, divided
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 pound (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tablespoon instant coffee powder or instant espresso coffee
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3/4 cup spoonable caramel ice cream topping

Glaze

- 2 tablespoons very hot milk
- 1 teaspoon instant coffee powder or instant espresso coffee
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1. Heat oven to 350°. Lightly grease 15 x 10-inch jelly roll pan.
- 2. In large bowl, combine oats, flour, 1 cup pecans, baking soda and salt; mix well. Set aside. In large bowl, beat sugar and butter with electric mixer until creamy. In small bowl, whisk eggs with coffee powder and vanilla until well blended. Add to butter mixture; continue beating until light and fluffy. Stir in oat mixture; mix well. (Dough will be very thick.) Reserve

2 cups for topping; set aside. Using lightly floured hands, press remaining oat mixture evenly onto bottom of pan. Spread caramel topping evenly over crust to within 1/4 inch from edges. Drop spoonfuls of reserved dough over caramel topping; sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup pecans.

3. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until center feels firm when lightly touched. (Do not over bake.) Cool completely in pan on wire rack.

4. For glaze, combine milk and coffee powder in small bowl; stir until coffee powder dissolves. Add powdered sugar; stir until smooth. Drizzle over cookies in pan. Let stand 5 minutes to set glaze. Cut into bars or other shapes. Store tightly covered.



Megan Clark will skate the part of the Blue Fairy from Pinocchio. She is not pictured.

Skater from Alaska takes nicely to ice

By Anita Anderson

Megan Clark, youngest skater at 18 in the Disney On Ice Celebrates 75 Years of Disney Magic has nothing to cry the blues about in her life.

She skates the part of the Blue Fairy. And how did so young skater who hails from Anchorage, Alaska, a city where the Disney extravaganzas as yet have not performed, get the part?

"I sent a video of myself doing what I love to do, skate," replied Megan. In school Clark competed in various local ice skating and is a member of the Alaska Association of Figure Skaters and was coached by Vladimir Kaprov.

She began lessons at five and added that her mother, who is a teacher, did her share of seeing to it that Megan had her share of ice time which meant getting up at early hours and heading to the rink.

She also took jazz, tap and ballet and voice les-

sons. Megan believes that results come with persistence. She'll tour with Disney until May 21 when she will head home to her parents and younger brother and sister.

Megan said she enjoys the excitement of touring and being disciplined has never been a problem for her. Her toughest challenge was building confidence when she was competing. Her personal goal is to land all of her triple ice jumps. She hopes to continue competing after Disney and may go back to school.

As with the case of so many talented Disney skaters Megan's career on ice is probably assured with Feld's Entertainment.

Before we finished talking from Cleveland Megan said she never fully appreciated the beauty of Alaska until she left it. "Living there is wonderful. It's incredibly close to nature," she concluded.

Disney On Ice Celebrates 75 Years of Disney Magic opens at the Rosemont Allstate Arena until Jan. 30 and then moves to the United Center in Chicago from Feb. 1-13. Some of the exciting features include The Great Wall of China as seen in Mulan, a 38-foot castle weighing in excess of 20,000 pounds from Beauty and the Beast and Monstro the whale from Pinocchio. It's 36-feet long and 12-feet wide.

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1 can (14-1/2 ounces)

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Forty-two years later, that company, Aberdeen's Wedding Flowers, is the oldest and largest bridal florist in Chicago, with ten locations and a staff of 125.

In the years between, Harney has seen five decades of brides walk down the aisle. He's provided flowers for roughly 150,000 weddings-including those of Mayor Daley's son and Malcolm X's daughter.

In fact, it was Harney who provided 10,000 out-of-season tulips to The Johnny Carson Show for Tiny Tim's 1969 on-air wedding. He also masterminded "The Tricia Rose" for Tricia Nixon's White House wedding.

And Harney is the creator of the very popular Water Bouquet, on which he owns a patent. "It looks like any wedding bouquet," says Harney, "Except the handle inverts to become a small pedestal. It's a great way to save money at the reception, because the bridal

party's bouquets transform into centerpieces. And after the wedding, the bridesmaids take them home as keepsakes."

And money is a real consideration. Today, wedding flowers typically cost about \$750, although more elaborate affairs may run as high as \$3,000. But if you're planning to get married in the year 2,000, your wedding flowers are going to cost more than they would in 1999.

According to Harney, "Weddings are up by about 50% for the Millennium. People who wanted to marry in 1999 decided to wait. So the flower growers-most of which are in South America and Hawaii-have raised their prices in response to the increased demand."

Needless to say, Harney has seen a number of wedding trends come and go over the years. Brides, he observes, have gotten far more particular. Not only are they generally older-averaging 28 years old instead of 18-they are more educated, money-conscious... and fussier.

And while it used to be that the bride's mother ran the show, now girls make their own decisions. Grooms, however, take a more active role than they did in the past. What's the "in" wedding look like today? According to Harney, the

black- and-white wedding craze is fading. Instead, dresses in pastels and natural tones are back, with names like maize, mint, cocoa and malt.

As far as wedding flowers go, roses and Princess orchids are in; carnations are very, very out. "The garden look"-that is, long-stemmed roses tied with a ribbon, is back in fashion.

But when it comes to flower trends, Harney has a little secret. "We participate in 48 area bridal shows a year, so we set the trends. We're the ones who show the brides what's fashionable."

Everyone loves a good wedding story, and Harney has dozens. For example, there was the bride who insisted on live doves. Harney arranged to rent the doves- in cages- from an exotic bird dealer. But the reception got rowdy and the birds were set free. "We had a heck of a time rounding them up afterwards," he recalls.

Then there was the bride who wanted nothing but black orchids. Contrary to popular belief, black orchids are a rarity in nature. So Harney and his staff hand-dyed 500 white orchids, painstakingly dipping each stem in black pigment.

And Aberdeen's provided the flowers for Chicago's largest-known wedding, consisting of 76 bridesmaids and groomsmen. The walk down the aisle took a full 40 minutes.

Clearly, Harney loves his business and finds gratification in helping make so many weddings a success. But there are three things of which he's not so fond: calla lilies ... rain ... and Martha Stewart.

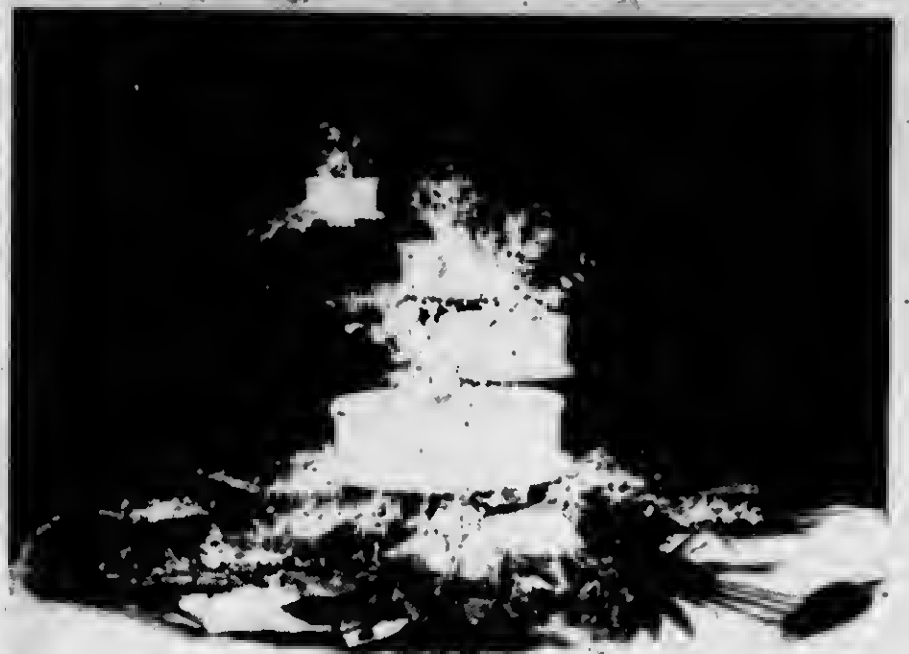
Calla lilies are the kiss of death for weddings, because they wilt in about four short hours. If a bride insists, on them, Aberdeen's staff asks her to sign a waiver.

Rain, he says, results in unhappy brides. He and his staff pray for rain-free weekends in Chicago.

As for Martha Stewart: "I have nothing against her, except she likes to showcase rare, exotic flowers that aren't generally unavailable. Then, the phones start ringing and everybody wants them."

Harney is frequently asked how he chose the name "Aberdeen's" for his business. The answer is simple: he wanted his to be the first listing in the phone book.

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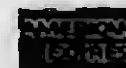
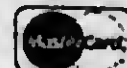
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engagement

Mrs. Georgean Fitzgerald of Chicago announces the engagement of her daughter Joan Grace to Mr. Jon David Clopton, son of Mrs. Marilyn Clopton of Elmhurst and Mr. David Clopton of Mount Prospect.

Ms. Fitzgerald, who worked at the Village View in the production department in 1986-1987 while a student at Mother McAuley High School, is currently Manager of Public Relations/Marketing at Dallas-based Allegiance Telecom, Inc. She obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Illinois Champaign. Mr. Clopton is Manager of Network Expense also at Allegiance, a leading provider of local, long distance, high-speed data and Internet services to businesses in 19 U.S. metropolitan markets. Mr. Clopton also attended the University of Illinois, where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Finance and holds a Masters in Business Administration from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. The couple will reside in Chicago's Gold Coast neighborhood.

An August wedding is planned at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Chicago's Old Town neighborhood, followed by a reception at the Allerton Crown Plaza Hotel, on Chicago's Magnificent Mile.

Ms. Fitzgerald's mother, Georgean, is the Village View's theatre columnist.

Seniors can help enact the Prescription Drug Discount Program

State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) is sponsoring legislation (Senior Citizen Drug Discount Program) this session that will significantly reduce the cost of prescription drugs commonly used by senior citizens. Seniors who are interested in seeing this initiative become law may call Representative Brosnahan's office at 708-499-2810 for ways to help the effort.

A BRIDE'S DIARY

"It's going to be a beautiful weekend."

I must have heard it a dozen times -- from other passengers on the flight to Boston, the rental car agent, the hotel desk clerk. Everyone anticipated a beautiful weekend in Boston. And a beautiful weekend it was.

Last Friday, I flew from Los Angeles, where WeddingChannel.com is based, to attend the wedding we've all been looking forward to: the marriage of Kellie Kathleen Speed and William Brendan Biggins. Everyone was right: the weather was beautiful. But the beauty of the weekend went far beyond the bright sunshine and blue skies.

When I arrived late that night, the thoughtful bride had already left a message for me at my hotel, welcoming me to the wedding weekend. The next day, I arrived at Kellie's parents' home in Norfolk, a lovely, wooded suburb of Boston, about an hour before she was to leave for the church. Already fully dressed, the beautiful bride greeted me with a warm embrace and we chatted about the day that lay ahead. So many months in the planning; so many happy surprises (and a few disappointments) in the course of putting together this wedding - a process which Kellie has graciously shared with the entire world in her "A Bride's Diary" at WeddingChannel.com. And all the planning was about to come to fruition.

Although I had only met Kellie and Will in person once before, I, like many of you, have come to feel I know them and the people in their lives as if they were lifelong friends. At their home, I met Kellie's parents for the first time. Her mother, Mrs. Maureen Speed, looked utterly glamorous, dressed in a sleek midnight blue suit with sequined lapels and a long skirt. John Speed, Kellie's father, was handsomely suited in a black tuxedo with a subtly patterned black on black vest and bow tie (the attire worn by all the men except the groom).

Kellie's attendants were all there too, and I got to meet in person the young women I had read about months ago. Maid of Honor Anne Marie Kelly, Matron of Honor Kristine Honan and the bridesmaids - Cheryl Speed (Kellie's sister), Jennifer Moran (Kellie's cousin), Fionna Biggins (Will's sister), Margaret Wilds and Kristie LaFerrara. They all shone in their stylish sage green bridesmaids dresses, which were a gift from Massachusetts-based bridalwear designers House of Bianchi. The bridesmaids loved their dresses, and asked WeddingChannel.com to extend their thanks once again to the wonderful people at House of Bianchi.

A Look At Love Past And Present

(NAPS)—When you share a romantic moment with your beloved this Valentine's Day, you may care to also think about all the long-ago lovers and present participants who helped make the holiday what it is today.

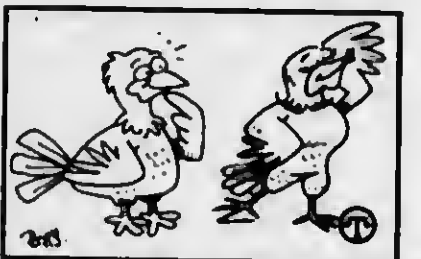
Then: Legend has it Saint Valentine was a priest in 3rd century Rome. When the emperor forbade young men to marry, believing bachelors made better soldiers, Valentine secretly presided over their nuptials anyway.

Some historians trace the custom of sending Valentines to a French Duke of the 1400s. A prisoner of war in England, he sent his wife a rhymed love letter from his Tower of London cell on Valentine's Day.

Now: Today, modern American romantics often express their sentiments in song. One lovely way to do so many say is, with the "Sentimental Reasons" album. This loving tribute to Les Paul and Mary Ford, jazz-pop duo of the 1950s, features famed acoustic guitarist Bob Harris and songstress Lucy Clark.

Highlighting the best of jazz, big band, Broadway and film tracks of the 1920s through the 1950s, the delightful collection of 15 sentimental classics includes: "Mr. Sandman," "Blue Moon," "How High the Moon," "Tiger Rag," "Alabama Bound," "Tennessee Waltz," "Heartache," "In the Mood," "Am I Blue," "Bye Bye Blues," "I Really Don't Want To Know," "Vaya Con Dios," "Limehouse Blues," and the title song, "(I Love You) For Sentimental Reasons."

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We all made our way out to the expansive backyard of the Speed's lovely home. Months ago, Kellie's mother had planted tulips that (she found out online) would bloom mid-May, and with the happy blossoms and soaring trees, the yard looked like a dream landscape. There, local photographer John

Mackintosh (with his wife assisting) expertly directed those present through the taking of some family photographs, and pictures of Kellie with her attendants. Mackintosh's gracious manner put everyone at ease, and this phase of the photo taking was quickly and effortlessly concluded.

VALENTINE'S DAY FACTS & FANCIES

NEWSWORTHY TRENDS

Diamond Inscription Is Latest Romantic Trend



Diamond inscription can be a personal and romantic way to share a special message with the one you love.

(NAPS)—The trendiest romantics are proving their love by writing it in stone—a diamond, that is.

Now you can personalize diamond jewelry by having a romantic or secret message engraved on the gem's girdle (outside edge). This "cutting edge" trend is called diamond laser inscription, and it's rocking the diamond-buying world.

Sweethearts love that inscription provides the ultimate personal touch while providing an easy way to identify their very own diamond. The service is available through local jewelers and is performed by the Gemological Institute of America's (GIA) Gem Trade Laboratory—the world's foremost authority on gemology.

In the growing trend, a

micro-laser beam is used to etch a microscopic inscription on the girdle of any diamond weighing one-quarter carat or more. Romantic messages like "Forever Yours," "Till the Twelfth of Never" and "Always and Forever" have recently been inscribed. Poetry, symbols, names and special dates are also popular. Since the message can be read only under magnification, you and your special someone can keep it to yourselves or choose to share it with others.

The price of inscription is based on the weight of the diamond and the length of the inscription. A typical inscription "length" is up to 15 letters or spaces. For further information, contact your professional jeweler or visit the Gemological Institute of America's website at www.gia.edu.

TIPS ON TRIPS

Valley Forge Area Is Garden-Lover's Paradise

(NAPS)—There are some 68 million "green thumbs" in America, according to the Gallup Organization, which counts gardening as the nation's number one leisure activity. And there's no better spot for a gardener's holiday than the Valley Forge area, home to more spectacular public gardens and arboreta than anywhere else in North America. The nation's oldest botanical garden, antique rose gardens, colonial kitchen gardens and romantic Victorian expanses are just a few of the pleasures this gardener's paradise offers travelers.

Start with the wide open spaces of 3,600-acre Valley Forge National Historical Park, where pink and white dogwoods dot the hillsides. Mountain laurel blooms profusely on the wooded slopes and deer are a common sight throughout the park. In fall, the landscape is painted with the brilliant reds, golds and oranges of a Pennsylvania autumn. From here, all roads lead to beautiful gardens.

The "crown jewel" is Longwood Gardens, the 1,050-acre former summer estate of industrialist Pierre du Pont. One of the world's premier horticultural displays, Longwood's four acres of indoor conservatories assure blooms year-round. Acres of ever-changing blooms and a whimsical children's garden, maze and tunnel make it popular with the whole family.

Morris Arboretum in Chestnut Hill is a legacy of the Victorian era. Rose gardens; a swan pond; a rustic log cabin; an Italian grotto and a Victorian glass-enclosed fernery are among the garden's features. Dawn redwoods and many ancient and unusual trees are planted throughout the 92-acre estate, which is Pennsylvania's official arboretum.

Philadelphia's prestigious Main Line offers beautiful gardens and arboreta to



explore. At the 12-acre Barnes Foundation Arboretum in Merion Station, the plantings echo the color palette of the world-class collection of French Impressionist paintings inside. Chanticleer is a luxurious 30-acre "pleasure garden" in Wayne, formerly the estate of the Adolph Rosengarten family. Scott Arboretum at

Swarthmore College covers some 300 acres with 3,000 kinds of plants in a "garden of suggestions." Major plant collections include flowering cherries, lilacs, tree peonies, witch hazels and spectacular magnolias. And in Devon, Jenkins Arboretum is a 46-acre remnant of South-eastern Pennsylvania's hardwood forests.

America's oldest botanical garden, Historic Bartram's Garden in Philadelphia, has been preserved virtually unchanged for two centuries. The nation's oldest Ginkgo tree, a 15-acre wildflower meadow, native azaleas and a butterfly garden are among the 44-acre park's features.

From cherry blossoms to chrysanthemums, pansies to poinsettias, the region's public gardens offer a blooming paradise with year-round appeal. To plan your next vacation, call 888-VISIT VF and ask for a Visitor's Guide and Calendar of Events. Or visit the web site: www.valleyforge.org.



Cupid, it appears, has exchanged his arrows for a mouse as the modern Valentine goes on line and interactive.



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"Real estate is an excellent career choice for anyone, especially those seeking a new direction mid-career," says Chuck Dinolfo, broker/owner of Century 21 Pro-Team. "In fact, many of our best new

recruits are coming from non-real estate backgrounds and bring with them a wealth of expertise in such areas as marketing and management. Several are displaced managers and executives who were victims of downsizing, mergers or acquisitions. They say they're ready for a more independent career.

"Our career seminar is an excellent forum for people to learn how they can reach their professional, financial and personal goals in a flexible work environment. We are expecting to attract people who are at the point in their career where they need a change or are seeking self-employment."

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Century 21 system offers many resources to help its sales associates build an exciting, rewarding career, including comprehensive performance development programs, a nationwide referral system and extensive marketing support.

"Last year, participation and response were tremendous at the Century 21 Pro-Team Career Seminars. We received a lot of interest from professionals in mid career looking for a new path that offered flexible working conditions," says Dinolfo. "Many of them have made a smooth transition to a new career and are already enjoying the benefits of being successful, independent real estate agents."

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Worth Township sponsors 55 Alive

The Worth Township Senior Citizens Organization will be sponsoring a 55 Alive Course run by AARP on Wed. Feb. 23 & Thur. Feb. 24 from 9: A.M. til 1:00 P.M. at Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski Both days are required. To register call (708) 371-2900, Ex. 28. A fee of \$8, 00 payable to AARP is required.

Village View issue dates for the year 2000

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January 18 Super Bowl, /Sales
February 1 Valentine's Day/Bridal
February 15 President's Birthday
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March 7 St. Patrick's Parades & Parties
March 14 Election /Happy St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day
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May 2 Auto & Auto Care, Gift for Mom
May 9 Mother's Day/Graduation
May 16 Graduation
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December 26 Happy New Year/
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The success of census

Census 2000, the largest peacetime mobilization in U.S. History, is about to begin. Approximately 860,000 workers will be needed to reach an anticipated 275 million people across the United States. Applicants are currently being sought in this area.

According to Jane Rasmus, Local Census Office Manager for the Cook County West Area, "How and where the billions of dollars of federal, state and local funds are spent depends on census numbers. The success of Census 2000 rests squarely on recruiting enough qualified candidates to be census takers in every neighborhood."

Census 2000 questionnaires will be sent to all households during the last week in March. April 1 is the official census day. Census takers make personal visits to all households that fail to mail back their questionnaires. The goal of each local census office is to recruit people in the communities where they live. This method, according to Rasmus, enables the Census Bureau to hire a workforce that reflects the community, is familiar with the assignment area and most important, is committed to ensuring that an accurate and complete count is achieved for their area.

A basic skills written test is required of all applicants.

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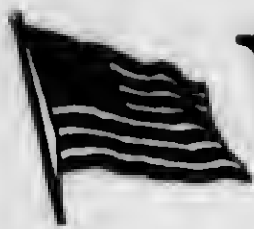
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Clearing Night Force Busy Civilians Assist Police

By Rick Techman

The Eighth District Chicago Police have civilian help on weekends with the Clearing Night Force, a group of about 30 volunteers who keep an eye on the community when the police are not nearby.

The Clearing Civic league hosted Mary Shilney, president of the Clearing Night Force, at their January meeting to give the community insight on the activities and purpose of her group.

"What is the Clearing Night Force," Shilney asked ambiguously then said, "The Clearing Night Force is a volunteer organization that follows the CAPS (Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy) principles and is dedicated to preserving the integrity of Clearing."

Shilney said the Clearing Night Force operates on Friday and Saturday nights, particularly during the police shift change between midnight and 12:30 a.m., to report to the police any suspicious activities observed in their absence.

Shilney said the Night Force specifically patrols alleys for open garage doors or unusual activities and reports back to the CPD via cell phones and two-way radios.

Shilney encouraged everyone to put their address on the alley side of their garage so that when suspicious activities or unattended garages are found they can be easily identified to the CPD for investigation.

Being a nosy neighbor was Shilney's repetitive request. She cited numerous occasions where Night Force civilians reported to police unusual activities that ultimately led to police action and the prevention of crime.

Clearing Night Force volunteers do not enforce the law, Shilney clearly explained. She said Night Force volunteers pair up in two per car but never leave their vehicle. They simply patrol and report suspicious activities.

She added during shift change, what might outwardly appear to be a minor incident, could take police as much as 15 to 20 minutes to respond to while Night Force volunteers distantly observe activity. Once police arrive at the scene, volunteers explain what they observed then let the CPD do their job.

Shilney stated anyone willing to join the Clearing Night Force must undergo a police criminal background check. She said only legitimate, law abiding volunteers could be accepted.

She also said people who would rather not leave their homes could also be part of the Force. She said these volunteers could serve as home base and relay messages from the night force car to the police via phone.

Shilney reiterated the city's campaign for anyone to call 911 when a crime is in progress or suspicious activity is immediately observed. She also said call 3-1-1 for general non-emergency city services.

Shilney distributed a flyer as she spoke explaining to adults to talk to their children about drugs, alcohol and gangs. The flyer also explained children know what's going on and parents should listen to them too.

But the most important point of the flyer explained keeping the two-way communication and activity open between parent and child and guide youth away from illegitimate acts.



"Chris Zorich says thank you to members of Northwestern Business College's Alpha Beta Gamma International Business Honor Society."

Former Chicago Bear and Philanthropist Chris Zorich said thank you to students

Chris Zorich visited the South campus of Northwestern Business College to thank students and faculty for their hard work in the name of philanthropy. Thanks to money raised by Northwestern Business College's Alpha Beta Gamma International Business Honor Society, this past year The Christopher Zorich Foundation provided needy Chicagoland children with Christmas gifts. In less than three weeks, the group outdid previous year's efforts by raising nearly \$1,100 for The Foundation.

"I wanted to come out and say thank you because the students and faculty of Northwestern Business College and the Alpha Beta Gamma International Business Honor Society were instrumental in our biggest year ever," said Chris Zorich, founder and president of The Christopher Zorich Foundation. "The donation meant a lot to me and to the needy children the Foundation was able to help this past Christmas."

Since its establishment in 1993, The Christopher Zorich Foundation has helped more than 50,000 Chicagoans in need. Zorich also sponsors the Zora Zorich Scholarship, the Care to Share Family Food program, the Chris Zorich & Friends program and the School Is Cool initiative.

Card and Bunco Party!!

The St. Jane de Chantal Senior Organization is holding a Card and Bunco Party on Sunday, February 6, 2000 at 2:00 P.M. in Ward Hall at 52nd and McVicker Avenue. Doors will open at 1:00 P.M. Coffee and cake will be free and other refreshments, such as hot dogs and soda will be available. There will be many door prizes as well as table and raffle prizes.

Men are invited to play cards and children are welcome to join in the bunco games. Tickets are only \$4.00 and are available by calling LIL at 773-735-0129.

Iguana brought for show and tell

Brittany Godlewski a kindergartner in Veronica Timke's morning class at the Dom Primary Center in North Palos School District 117, had her uncle, Tod Godlewski bring in "Louie" the iguana to show her classmates during "Show and Tell," on Friday, January 7th.



People from all walks of life meet with Judge Flynn

A reception was recently held to honor Judge Peter Flynn of the Circuit Court of Cook County. It was held at the Chicago Athletic Club, 12 South Michigan Avenue.

People from all walks of life attended the reception. Edward F. McElroy, Chicago T.V. and radio personality for many years, was the Master of Ceremonies.

Judge Flynn is presently assigned to the First District of the Circuit Court of Cook County. He has been a member of two prestigious law firms in the Chicago area.

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View of the Century with the mayors

The history of Palos Heights was the latest featured topic of the ongoing "View of the Century" program sponsored by the Village View newspaper.

The series, which began in January, focuses on the historic significance of the South suburbs.

Mayor Eugene Siegel of Chicago Ridge spoke at the January 17th lecture and Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills addressed the January 24th program.

The free lecture series is held every Monday at 7 p.m. Room B in the Oak Lawn Public Library, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., and will continue through the end of February.

A classic is a book that survives the circumstances that made it possible yet alone keeps those circumstances alive.

—Alfred Kazin

Commissioner Yourell to address Worth Club

Commissioner Harry "Buss, Yourell, of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will speak before the Worth Lions Club, Monday, February 7, 8 p.m., following a 7 p.m. dinner at Sandpipers Restaurant, 10700 S. Harlem Avenue.

Jim Geiger, President, has announced that the Commissioner will share his expertise on the workings of

the M.W.R.D.

Commissioner Yourell served 20 years in the Illinois House of Representatives and was a member, as well as chairman, of numerous legislative committees. In 1914 he was elected Cook County Recorder of Deeds. Elected Commissioner of the District in 1988, he was re-elected in 1994. His education includes LaSalle Extension University. A Marine during World War II, he was awarded the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts.



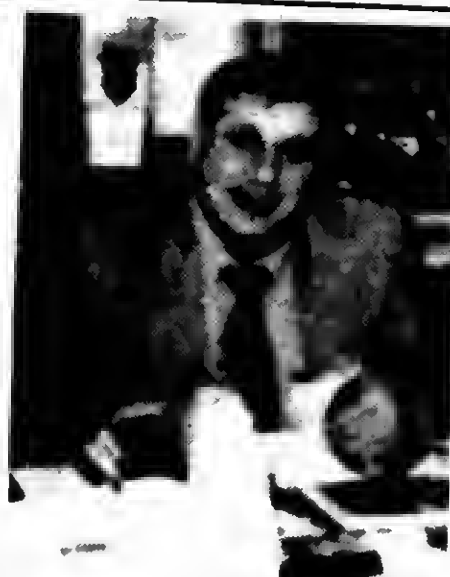
Outstanding American History Teacher Receives Award

The Swallow Cliff Chapter of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, has named Ms. Carol Czorniak as its Outstanding Teacher of American History- 1999-2000. Criteria for achievement of this biannual award involves both a rigorous nomination process by her colleagues and students, and a written statement of educational philosophy and professional accomplishments.

Ms. Czorniak, a twenty year veteran teacher at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, earned her B.A. and M.A.T. degrees from the University of Illinois, Urbana. She has a Concentration in United States History. She has furthered her studies beyond the Master's degree by earning an Administrative Endorsement by the State of Illinois. Among her many accolades, Ms. Czorniak has been active in sharing her expertise in Advanced Placement American History education by serving both as an evaluator, grader, and presenter at regional and national educator in-service sessions sponsored by the College Board. Throughout her professional career at Stagg High School, Ms. Czorniak has consistently demonstrated her sincere appreciation of American History, her enthusiastic and innovative approach to teaching challenging subject matter, such as the Civil War

period, and, in particular, her dedicated commitment in assisting students within the south suburban communities to discover solutions to current problems by examining the past. Her enthusiastic support of both the V.O.I.C.E.S. and the Stagg Youth and Government Programs exemplifies her educational philosophy, — that democracy must be learned by each generation.

The Swallow Cliff Chapter plans to honor Ms. Czorniak for her devoted service to local students at its annual Spring Luncheon in May.



Local historian Dominic Candeloro was the featured guest speaker at the January meeting of the Italian American Women's Club.

An adjunct professor of History at Governors State University, Candeloro is the author of numerous articles on Italian American history, most notably "Marchigiani In Chicago Heights," "Italian Americans and Politics In Chicago and Illinois, 1900-1995" and "Italians In Chicago Heights 1890-1975."

League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland to hear from expert on Mental Illness

The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland will hear from guest speaker John Rowley from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) on Saturday, February 5, 2000.

The meeting will be held at the Palos Heights Recreation Center, 6601 W. 127th Street in Palos Heights and starts at 9:30 AM. Mr. Rowley will speak on current public policy issues on mental illness and answer related questions on such issues as insurance parity, after care and housing of individuals with mental illness. Mr. Rowley has served on several state and

local committees to address mental health issues. Coffee will be served at 9:00 AM and all League meetings are open to the public.

The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland has over sixty members from thirteen different communities in the southwest suburban area. Please Call Merna at 708-532-0184 for more information.

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Oak Lawn considering lease-buyback contract with Napleton

By E.J. Soczek

*All animals are equal,
but some animals are
more equal than others.*

George Orwell,
Animal Farm

*No one knows what goes
on behind closed doors...*

Charlie Rich

The Oak Lawn Park District has a building for sale. But Maddie Kelly doesn't really feel like discussing it.

Kelly is the appointed "Director" of the Park District. In this capacity, she is privy to the major decisions involving district activities.

The building, located at 5700 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, is no longer being utilized as administrative offices. The small group of personnel that previously occupied the building has since moved to facilities at 9400 S. Kenton.

"I think you had better speak with the Park District attorney," Kelly insisted. "His name is Tom Farrell."

The attorney, Mr. Farrell, also quickly took a defensive position on the issue. "We're not doing anything wrong...we're simply selling our property at market value...you should be talking to the Village..." Indeed.

The Oak Lawn Board of Trustees has devoted a number of "closed door," executive sessions to the possible purchase of the Park District property.

This certainly does not surprise those familiar with local politics, who have become complacent following a protracted onslaught of officially sanctioned spending sprees, justified under the guise of "much needed" parking lots. Or "municipal

development.

But this case is a bit different. The reticence of Park District officials when asked to discuss the "sale" of the numerous, secretive "closed door" meetings of the Village Board. What exactly is going on?

By law, the Park District must comply with competitive bidding procedures to liquidate the surplus property. A relatively straightforward procedure, sealed bids are solicited from prospective purchasers. Following publication of an ad in the newspaper.

Designed for equitable opportunity, the law assures all bidders a fair chance to place a bid on the building and property.

But there is one loophole in this process. The bidding procedure is waived when the sale is executed to another municipal entity, i.e., the Village of Oak Lawn.

According to a pending contract drawn up by Village legal counsel Thomas Bayer of Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, the Village of Oak Lawn would purchase the property from the Park District for \$525,000 and immediately execute a one year lease-buy-back contract with the Edward Napleton automobile dealership.

Bayer's wording of the contract leaves little doubt as to the preferential treatment and unfair advantage afforded the car dealer.

Whereas, if the REAL ESTATE is sold to a private entity, the PARK DISTRICT has indicated it must go through a sealed bid process...and **Whereas**, NAPILETON is concerned that, if it

participates in the sealed bid process with the PARK DISTRICT, it may not be the successful bidder.

The Village of Oak Lawn, with full cooperation of the Park District, has conspired (on paper, anyway) to deprive the citizens of the rightful due process prescribed by law.

The reasons for such favoritism remain shrouded in the secret sessions closed to public scrutiny.

"Campaign contribution records? Oh, we don't keep those here..." replied a clerk at the Village Hall.

Despite having the temerity to even suggest such an agreement, it can't be said Attorney Bayer isn't looking out for the best interests of the Village.

Bayer thoughtfully included a clause that would absolve the Village of any legal responsibility should the issue be challenged. Napleton would be forced to foot the bill should an "unthinkable" inquiry arise as a result of the slick maneuver.

As of this writing, although the paperwork has been prepared, the "deal" has not been formalized. Why it was not summarily rejected at its inception is clearly a testament to the "belly up" ethics of our Village Board.

The sale/purchase is expected to be voted on at the next Board meeting February 22nd.

If concerned citizens fail to express their feelings at this public forum, they will have no room to complain when whatever it was County and Western singer Charlie Rich was singing about ultimately happens. To them. Courtesy of their duly elected officials....

Bill to give empowerment to mayors

Springfield-State Sen. Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) explains legislation he is sponsoring that will further empower mayors in Chicago Ridge, Evergreen Park, Posen, Blue Island and Merrionette Park to work together to correct railroad crossing problems that affect their citizens. Senate Bill 1577 was approved by the Senate Local Government Committee and advances to the full Senate for further consideration.

Highlights from Evergreen Park

Village Clerk James Sexton read the minutes from the Zoning Board Hearing of January 11. Dr. Powell of Hickory Hills had made an application for a variance. He had recently purchased the Park Magnavox Building at 95th and Millard, and the home directly North on Millard. An insurance company is planning to rent the Park Magnavox Building. Powell plans to replace the home with a parking lot. One hitch in his plans is that the previous owner would not sell to Dr. Powell unless he agreed to leave the garage standing for two years. The owner will store antique cars in it. Powell said that it will cost him more to tear down the house and garage separately, but if he did not get the approval from the Zoning Board for the variance, he would be forced to leave the house and building vacant for two years. Neighbors objected because the alley behind the house would be appropriated for use as en-

trance and exit, and might block their way getting to their garages. Trustee Kyle objected on the grounds that the garage would take away from the aesthetics of the neighborhood. The Zoning Board recommended that the Village Board approve Dr. Powell's application. When the vote was called, the variance was approved with only Trustee Kyle voting against it.

Mayor Vacco asked residents to contact their State Senator and Representatives about their feelings concerning pending legislation. House bill 3187 provides a sales tax holiday on clothing with a unit value under \$200. The holiday would begin the first Friday in August and conclude ten days later. Another piece of Legislation has to do reinstating leaf burning. Local governments wishing to be exempt from either legislation must enact separate legislation.

Engineer Robert Boehm has received an inquiry from Cook County. They are look-

ing for a five year plan discussing future projects. Mr. Boehm must respond by March 15. He is looking for community input.

Another topic discussed was the timing of the lights on 95th. Most are timed so that the traffic on 95th Street has more time. Mayor Vacco expressed concern that children coming from school, the elderly or handicapped do not have enough time to cross without endangering themselves. Mr. Boehm agreed and promised to check into it.

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Recognizing the achievements

by: Carol Marsh

I think I have observed that integrity in the conduct of both the living and the dead takes a stronger hold of the human heart than any other virtue. It is placed before mercy by the name of justice in the Scriptures...It is right it should be so...The world stands in more need of justice than charity, and indeed it is the want of justice that renders charity everywhere so necessary...[September 4, 1811]

Benjamin Rush wrote these words over thirty-five years after he signed the Declaration of Independence. Such a thought-provoking insight is, in some respects, even more powerful today, in 2000, because we, as an American society, have far greater opportunities to promote integrity from the examples of courageous men and women throughout our lessons in history, itself. Yet, it is interesting that --even today-- we sometimes overlook the most outstanding examples of such within our own American history.

As February celebrates American History, and specifically recognizes the history and achievements of African-Americans, it is imperative that our nation's African-American Revolutionary War Patriots be remembered during this most important month; indeed, America's freedom from the dictates of the Crown might not have been won without their profound commitment

to the cause. We must never forget the bravery of Crispus Attacks, who, at age fifty-one, confronted British muskets leveled against him without fear, and became the first casualty of the Boston Massacre. We must never forget the personal sacrifice of William Flora, who assisted William Woodford in storming Norfolk's "Great Bridge" by exchanging rounds with the well-fortified, cannon-equipped adversary. We must never forget the courage demonstrated by the First Rhode Island Regiment, --the 125 African-American patriots who participated in many battles, and who fought alongside Lafayette and Major General John Sullivan on Aquidneck Island, when outnumbered by Sir Henry Clinton's advancing British troops. We must never forget the fortitude and personal strength of James Forten, who at the age of fourteen, as part of the first navy, was taken captive by

the British and imprisoned for refusing to give up his allegiance to the United States. We must never forget the integrity of Quok Walker, who, although born into slavery, won his freedom in 1781 by challenging the newly established Massachusetts State Constitution, and whose victory resulted in the abolishment of slavery in Massachusetts entirely. We must never forget the beautiful eloquence and profound insight of Phillis Wheatley, who, by the age of thirteen, had published her first book of poetry, and who expressed the sentiments of American patriotism in her highly acclaimed poem, "Liberty and Peace."

Let this month be a beacon for all Americans --to "light the future" with a newfound respect, reverence, and honor for the personal sacrifices of these brave man and women, and for the integrity and justice which they fought so valiantly to attain.

Adult Course An Introduction To Archaeology Saturdays, March 11 and 18, 9 A.M. To Noon (2 Sessions)

What is archaeology and what kinds of materials are important to archaeologists? How are artifacts collected and dated? Join Jennifer Blitz, Ph.D., Vice President of Education at the Chicago Academy of Sciences, to learn about archeological excavation techniques, stratigraphy, research design and chronometric dating. Other topics will include interpreting artifacts and learning how they can be used to reconstruct past environments, human diet and behaviors, community organization and more. In class activities and visits to several Museum exhibits included. Cost is \$55 (\$47 members). For more information, call The Field Museum Education Department at (312) 665-7400.

Daley college exhibit on black history month

Daley College is currently hosting "A Tribute To Our Enslaved Ancestors - The People's Exhibit," seventy-two rare photographs of African

Americans who survived slavery and experienced freedom. The exhibit reflects the results of a nationwide campaign to collect the photographs of

African Americans whose lives spanned the period of emancipation, and is the opening activity in a month-long celebration of African-American History Month. The collection on display has been provided by The International Society of Sons and Daughters of Slave Ancestry, a Chicago based lineage society dedicated to documenting the past of enslaved ancestors in American history and around the world.

As Jo Ann Page, a founder of the society, explains, "The International Society of Sons and Daughters of Slave Ancestry has collected over two hundred photographs that have been donated by people across the nation. Many are cherished family photos of enslaved ancestors donated by our members, family members of former slaves, who held on to photography for over a century, stored in bibles, boxes, and family albums; passed down from one gen-

eration to the next in an effort to preserve some semblance of family history--is a strong testimony to a peoples' determination to hold fast to their past and to their heritage. The lineage society was created to motivate people to honor and celebrate their slave heritage and gives public awareness about those who have documented their connection to a slave ancestor."

On display at Daley College until February 29th, the exhibit will travel across the country until September. Arrangements and co-sponsorship at Daley College has been made by the Daley College chapter of the Organization of College and University Women. School groups interested in visiting Daley College and the exhibit may make arrangements with Adam Martinez at (773) 838-7574. Arrangements for a guide to the exhibit must be made directly with The International Society of Sons and Daughters of Slave Ancestry. For further information, call (773) 238-2686, e-mail them at isda@aol.com, or visit their website <http://member.aol.com/isda/club/index.htm>

Catholic schools week at St. Bernadette

by Annette Dixon

A week long display with a video commemorating St. Bernadette School in Evergreen Park, and Catholic school week was located at the entrance of the school hall for all to visit.

As the observance of Catholic School week, Sister Ann Brummel acknowledged the outstanding contributions of talented faculty and staff members by listing them in the bulletin for all the parishioners to read. There were many activities with faculty and school children commemorating the week.

A special award was presented to Sister Mary Ventura for her outstanding performance as teacher, director and special person promoting Catholic education. Sister Mary was nominated by her peers and received the "Heart of the School" award. The honor was bestowed upon her for her contributions to the Catholic identity of the school, her impact on the learning environment and her creative techniques and strategies in the instructional program.

Sr. Mary Ventura established the Essential Learning Solutions Lab, a computerized therapy program that strengthens students' learning patterns and permanently improves academic performances. Congratulations to Sr. Mary Ventura and St. Bernadette School for their recognition in the community of Evergreen Park.

Local students appointed to U.S. Naval Academy

St. Rita of Cascia High School seniors Michael Porfirio and Gerald Sharp have received appointments to the United States Naval Academy as members of the Class of 2004. Porfirio was nominated for the appointment by Congressman William Lapinski; Sharp by Congresswoman Judy Biggert.

Michael Porfirio, has an accumulative grade point average of 4.6, is a member of the National Honor Society and President of the Student Council. He has been considerably involved in activities, participating as editor of the school newspaper, a member of the football team, and a member of the Recruitment Club each of his 4 years at St. Rita. In addition, Mike has served as a Peer Minister for the past 2 years.

High school students compete for scholarships

The Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation announced that Graduating High School Seniors who are full or partially of Italian Ancestry are invited to compete for college scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each, to be awarded by the Foundation.

Applications can be obtained by contacting the Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation, in writing, at 7222 West Cermak Road, Suite 220, North Riverside, Illinois 60546. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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A member of St. Albert the Great Parish, Mike lives with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Porfirio, in Bridgeview. His brother Mark, a 1997 graduate of St. Rita, is a junior at the Naval Academy.

Gerald Sharp has an accumulative grade point average of 4.4 and is President of the National Honor Society at St. Rita. He has been a member of the Basketball team all 4 years and was a member of

the Cross Country team and the Track team his freshman year. Gerry has served as a Peer Minister at St. Rita for the past 2 years and as a Kairos Retreat leader this year. A member of Our Lady of the Woods Parish in Orland Park, he also gives volunteer assistance with the parish basketball team. Gerry is the son of Gerald Sharp, Sr. of Palos Hills and Noreen Sharp of Orland Park.



Rick Ryan announces candidacy

Ryan, 33, is a graduate of Brother Rice High School, DePaul University and John Marshall Law School. He has served as a litigation attorney and now operates his own practice. These experiences, he said, will be part of the discussions he is planning to have with area voters.

"I grew up in this area," Ryan said. "I went to school here and my wife and I are raising our children here. I am deeply committed to this area and I look forward to speaking personally with other people who value their community. The only way to do that is by making yourself accessible and listening to

what the residents have to say. I plan on doing this the old-fashioned way, through hard work and face-to-face discussions."

During the announcement, Ryan said that there are many topics that he will address including education, health care and other consumer rights issues.

"Our children deserve competent, accountable teachers, tough academic standards and the resources from Springfield to increase technology and other tools for the classroom," Ryan said.

Ryan also said that although many people are living longer, healthier lives,

there are too many working families who don't have adequate health insurance.

"In many households both the mother and father are working for employers who don't offer health insurance," Ryan said. "Moreover, many families simply can't afford to get the necessary medical care that they deserve. I want to work with people to address these serious problems."

Ryan and his wife Maureen (Kelly) are the parents of three sons; ages 4, 2 and 1. They are members of Holy Redeemer church in Evergreen Park.

One day trips for EP seniors

The Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 West 97th St., Evergreen Park, offers a variety of one-day trips for Evergreen Park seniors:

- Tuesday, February 29 (10:00 A.M.) - \$15 Phil Smidt's & Harrah's (dbl. gaming session/ \$5 "casino" cash back)
- Wednesday, March 15 (8:45 A.M.) - \$58 Flower Show & Spirit of Chicago
- Tuesday, March 21 (Luncheon at 12 noon/ Show at 2:00 P.M.) - \$45 Rosemary Clooney Show at E.P. Drury Lane and Martinique Luncheon
- Wednesday, April 26 (9:30 A.M.) - \$43 "Fantasia 2000" @ Navy Pier Chinatown Luncheon & Tour

Tickets are available at the Office of Citizens' Services. For further information, stop in at Room 107 or phone 422-8776.



Murphy endorses Vlasis

Worth Township Committeeman, Maureen Murphy, of Evergreen Park has announced her endorsement of local businesswoman and community volunteer,

Patricia (Tilly) Vlasis in the race for the Republican nomination for State Representative in the 36th district.

"After careful consideration of the two individuals on the March 21st Republican primary ballot, I am very pleased to announce my official endorsement of Pat Vlasis," declared Committeeman Murphy. She added, "the Republican Party is very fortunate to have a long-time and loyal Republican like Pat Vlasis who is able and willing to step forward to serve and be our new voice in Springfield."

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

Dear Reader's

The following pearls of wisdom were sent to me by a reader who thought I would enjoy them. I so enjoyed these bits of lessons learned that I wanted to share them with you. For your pleasure I am passing them along to you from one heart to another.

THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

I've learned that I like my teacher because she cries when we sing "Silent Night." (age 6)

I've learned that our dog doesn't like to eat my broccoli either. (age 7)

I've learned that when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up again. (age 12)

I've learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up. (age 14)

I've learned that although it's hard to admit it, I'm secretly glad my parents are strict with me. (age 15)

I've learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advise. (age 24)

I've learned that wherever I go, the world's worst driver's have followed me there. (age 29)

I've learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it. (age 39)

I've learned that there are people who love you dearly but just don't know how to show it. (age 42)

I've learned that the greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his of her need to cast blame on others. (age 46)

I've learned that children and grandparents are natural allies. (age 47)

I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. (age 48)

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights. (age 52)

I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly when they die. (age 58)

I've learned that making a living is not the same as making a life. (age 53)

I've learned that if you want to do something positive for your children, work to improve your marriage. (age 61)

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. (age 62)

I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision. (age 66)

I've learned that everyone can use a prayer. (age 72)

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one. (age 82)

I've learned that everyday you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back. (age 85)

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn. (age 92)

I've learned that you should pass this on to someone you care about. Sometimes they just need a little something to make them smile. (ageless)

Brother Rice Alumnus gives Students Comedic Pointers

Brother Rice High School drama students take instruction on improvisational comedy from Jim Zulevic, a 1983 Rice alumnus and professional comedian. Zulevic gave the students pointers on how to think on their feet when they are on stage and had them participate in various improvisational exercises to help them hone their skills.

Brother Rice Drama Club members are working on their comedic skills in preparation for the club's spring Comedy Review. In

addition to learning from Zulevic, the club also took a trip to Second City Comedy Club in December.

Zulevic, who has performed in various television shows including an upcoming episode of the CBS show "The King of Queens," told students that one trick to improvisational comedy is to clear your mind and use objects in the room to your advantage. "Try not to think about things in usual terms. Be aware of the objects that are in the room and think of them in new and unusual ways. Improvisation requires that you have a lot of mental flexibility and quick thinking," he said.

Military news

Air Force Airman Arturo Alvarez has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Alvarez is the son of Bertha Alvarez of 5535 S. Austin, Chicago, Ill.

The airman is a 1998 graduate of Brother Rice High School, Oaklawn, Ill.

Dear Editor: After reading a recent article I am still not certain Patricia Vlasis' position on abortion.

Vlasis claims she has decided to limit her terms as Christ Hospital's Auxiliary Board President to one year because of the procedures that are taking place at the Hospital.

It is my opinion Ms. Vlasis, that you support abortion rights and that you recently decided to limit your position as the Christ Hospital's Auxiliary Board President because it will directly affect your Candidacy for State Representative.

Ms. Vlasis if you truly are Pro-Life and care about the values of the community you would have resigned your position like the Honorable Senator Patrick O'Malley.

Perhaps candidate Vlasis actions speak louder than words.

Signed: Cathy Coletta

Scholarship Applications Available

The Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be awarding college scholarships again this year. Scholarship winners will be chosen by financial need and academic performance. As in the past, scholarships are being offered to both Bridgeview residents and employees (or employee dependents) of a company that was a Bridgeview Chamber member in 1999.

Applications are now available at local high school counselor's offices as well as the following locations:

Bridgeview Bank & Trust Co., 7940 S. Harlem Avenue
Bridgeview Chamber Office, 7300 W. 87th St.
Bridgeview Community Center, 7840 W. 79th St.
Bridgeview Public Library, 7840 W. 79, St.
Bridgeview Village Hall, 7500 S. Oketo Avenue
Marquette National Bank, 8020 S. Harlem Avenue
Midland Federal Savings, 8929 S. Harlem Avenue
Prairie Bank & Trust Co., 7661 S. Harlem Avenue



Seven Moraine Valley Community College students were awarded scholarships for the spring 2000 semester from the Moraine Valley Faculty Association. Jennifer Anderson-Gasik, selection committee chair, presents a check to Ohood Baste, Hickory Hills. Other recipients (from left) are Christine Walsh, Oak Forest; Susan Harr, Oak Lawn; Sharon Puschkar, Oak Lawn; William Stroud II, Burbank; Maricela Gutierrez, Summit; and Carly Thompson, Evergreen Park.

Moraine valley faculty awarded with scholarships

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The funds for the scholarships, presented twice a year, are from faculty contributions. Students are selected based on academic achievement, according to Jennifer Anderson-Gasik, chair of the faculty selection committee.

For more information, phone Mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at 974-5275.

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Child Care Center Gets State Grant

The Stickney Township Child Development Center located at 6721 W. 40th St., in the 'Village of Stickney, has been awarded a state grant to enhance the children's program at the day care center. It was one of only 330 centers in the state out of a total of 700 to be awarded a grant.

The grant will be used to purchase materials to advance the children's social, emotional, physical and cog-

nitive development.

These items include computers for the children, educational supplies, library materials and both indoor and outdoor equipment.

The Stickney Day Care Center is dedicated to providing quality care and programming for its pre-schoolers and this grant will provide for additional materials to increase and enhance the limits of the children's learning through the use of individual and age appropriate materials.

For additional information about Stickney's day care program please contact Linda Hinker, director, or Lisa Mohn, assistant director at (708) 788-8122.

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Elks Lodge Announce Winners

Don Nowak, chairman congratulates winners of Elks Lodge #2254 Annual Hoop Shoot Contest for area students 8-13 years old. Contestants competed further in Plainfield, IL Jan. 22, 1999.



Boys Hoop Shoot Winners: Sammy Olayan, Kolmar School, Brendan Styler, Kolmar, Robert Cassidy, St Paul school

Girls Hoop Shoot Winners: Kelly Nash sward, Michelle Troutman, Kolmar Hillary Sterk, St. Germaine.

Little Company welcomes New Board Member

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is proud to announce the appointment of Jay B. Stems, senior vice president of Cain Brothers and Company of Chicago Illinois, to its Board of Directors.

Commenting on his appointment, Stems remarked, "I'm honored to join the Little Company Board. Little Company has had a proud history of caring for the people of our community for 70 years, and I hope my experience in the business side of healthcare will help move the Hospital forward as we move into the new millennium."

In addition to his membership on the Board, Mr. Stems has served on the Finance Committee of Little Company, and serves on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Health Care Finance*. A resident of Highland Park, he and his wife Mindy are the parents of three children.

Mr. Stems received a BA from Carleton College, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He received his MBA from Columbia University in New York.

Mr. Stems has co-au-

thored a chapter entitled, "Negotiations" in *Merging Healthcare Institutions: A Guidebook for Buyers and Sellers*, sponsored by the American Hospital Association, and has published articles in *Topics in Healthcare Financing* and *Journal of Healthcare Finance*. He has also been featured in national health publications and has spoken before the Healthcare Financial Management Association, American College of Healthcare Executives, the National Association of Bond Lawyers, and the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

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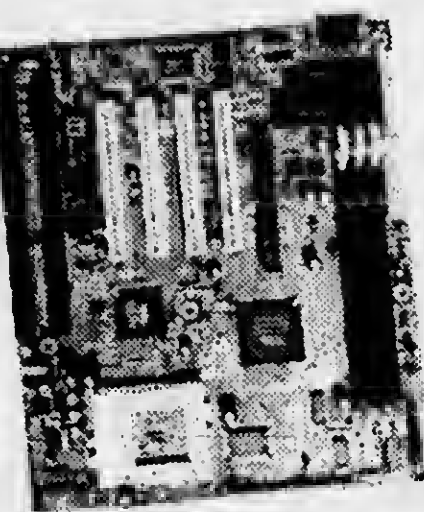
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Playwright Frederick Knott, who also wrote "Dial M for Murder", possesses keen insight into what scares audiences. His masterful suspense writing in the sixties qualifies him as a man who was ahead of his time, judging by the trend in successful movie thrillers like the "Scream" trilogy, "Seven" and "The Talented Mr. Ripley". The plot of "WAIT UNTIL DARK" revolves around a recently blinded housewife Susy and her husband Sam. When a mysterious stranger gives Sam a doll, it is revealed as the central piece of a puzzle, linking the couple to three criminals, drugs and a murder. Next, Susy and Sam find themselves caught in a whirlwind of intrigue and violence that threatens to destroy their marriage and... their lives. When ringleader

Roat begins to terrorize Susy the suspense builds to a final ironic twist. In this unsurpassed climax Susy turns the tables on Roat - leaving him in the dark and the audience fearing for Susy's life. Never before has live theatre been so frightening!

Making her Pheasant Run debut as blind Susy Hendrix is Kathryn Ann Rosen of Chicago. As an original cast member of "Xena, Live!" inspired by the TV show, "Xena, the Warrior Princess", Rosen is better known for her fearlessness than her fear of the dark. Rosen's 2 1/2 years of combat training as a member of Babes with Blades paid off for "Xena", but also for her physically demanding role in "Dark". Tom Taylor of Wauconda plays the deceptively evil Roat, who intends to destroy Susy and anyone else who stands between him and his fortune. As Susy's dedicated husband Sam, Ben Stoner of Algonquin, plays the photographer who becomes the naive pawn in this game of chess. The two thugs who become Roat's partners in crime are *Carlino* and *Mike*, played respectively by Peter Goldsmith of Chicago and Ted Gianopulos of Arlington Heights. Finally, Kallie

Flynn Childress and Danielle Cholewa share the role of precocious Gloria, the Hendrix' 12-year old neighbor, who becomes Susy's beacon in the night.

The set designed by Diana L. Martinez and executed by Technical Director Dave Natchke includes creaking doors, squeaking steps and other special effects. Dramatic lighting by designer Aaron Claessens allows for plenty of startling silhouettes and haunting shadows. Along with the scenic elements, the underlying music is a key factor in any suspenseful show, whether it is television, cinema or theatre. Reyna Larson is the composer of the original underscoring for this show. Larson's talent also includes being the lead vocalist and songwriter for the Chicago Jazz/ Alternative based band, Mabel Mabel. Call Ticketmaster at 312-559-1212 for show & dinner tickets.

Help support a pancake breakfast

Cub Pack 3644 will host a pancake breakfast at the First United Methodist Church, 94th St. & Homan Ave., Evergreen Park, on Saturday, February 26, serving from 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Tickets are available at the door. Donation is \$5.00 12 yrs. and up, \$3.00 ages 5 through 11 yrs.

Proceeds from the pancake breakfast support the projects of the Cub Packs.

McAuley sponsors alumnae volleyball

Mother McAuley High School's Alumnae Association is sponsoring a volleyball league for all interested alumnae. The league begins Sunday, March 19, 2000, in McAuley's gym at 3737 West 99th Street, Chicago. Games will be played Sunday evenings through May 7 (excluding April 23).

The initial meeting for captains and individuals is Thursday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. in McAuley's lounge. Cost is \$25 per person and individuals or small groups are welcome. For more information, please call the Alumnae Office at 773/881-6565.

District 124 offers computer class

An adult computer class is now being offered for Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 parents and adult residents. This computer course provides hands-on experience with IBM-networked hardware and covers the following topics: computer terms, word processing, desktop publishing, and the Internet.

Classes will meet at Central Jr. High Computer Lab, 9400 So. Sawyer Ave., Evergreen Park, for a 6-week period beginning Thursday, March 9-April 13, 2000. You may register for the 7:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M. class by calling (708)423-0950. Reistration is limited to 25 students on a first come-first serve basis. The fee for the class is \$65.00, which will be paid on the first night of class.

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Damn Yankees March into Oak Lawn

Tickets are now on sale for the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's performances of *Damn Yankees*, a musical that is a mix of baseball and the legend of Faust, based on the book- By George Abbott and Douglas Wallop. In the play, baseball fan Joe Boyd, (portrayed by Merriette Park's Tom Tumino) strikes a deal with the devil, Mr. Applegate (Oak Lawn's John Boss), to get a chance to help out his beloved Washington Senators baseball team. Applegate transforms, Boyd into Joe Hardy (Oak Lawn's Dave Heilmann), a 22-year-old baseball superstar in exchange for Boyd's soul. However, Hardy's popularity threatens Applegate, forcing him to find help from his trusty helper, Lola (Lockport's Erica Altman).

Other key players are: Boyd's wife, Meg (Crestwood's Marie Griffin), sportswriter Gloria Thorpe (Chicago's Dawn Schnolis),

and baseball players Smokey (Oak Lawn's Frank Fett), Sohovik (Chicago's Stan Kastelic) and Rocky (Bridgeview's John Miner). The play is produced by Gerry Dederer and directed by Paul Nirchi. The assistant director is Jennifer Thusing, the choreographer is Charlie Misovye, the musical director is Liz Griffin, the conductor is Bill Hansen and the set designer is Gil Olivia.

Performances are scheduled for March 10, 11, 16, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m., and March 12 and 19 at 3 p.m. at the Oakview Center, 4625 W. 110th St., Oak Lawn. Ticket prices are \$14 for adults and \$13 for seniors and children.

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The Ten Commandments Of Retirement Living

By Terry Rohe

(NAPS)—As a correspondent and expert on aging, people always ask me how they should approach their retirement. After all, most of us spend virtually our entire adult lives working, and the thought of all this spare time can be a bit daunting. Personally, I like to think of retirement as a beginning rather than an ending—a time to explore everything the world has to offer. The right attitude is really the key to enjoying your retirement

years. Following are my own "Ten Commandments" for mature living.

- *Thou shalt make plans.* Be bold, be daring. Take up a new hobby; try an evening course at a local community college. Get active in your neighborhood... anything that keeps your body and mind active.
- *Thou shalt look at the brighter side.* Be optimistic. Remember, aging is a positive life experience.

- *Thou shalt travel.* There is no time like the present to see new sites or visit family and friends. Many travel companies even offer special programs for mature travelers, like Hilton Senior HHonors! Call 1-800-432-3600, ext. 902, for more details.
- *Thou shalt not whine.* It's a time-waster and won't win you any friends. Better to devote your energies to solving problems or scaling new heights.

- *Thou shalt write at least one cheerful letter to someone every week.* Remember, it takes two minutes out of your day to become a highlight of someone else's day, and sharing your thoughts also makes you feel great.
- *Thou shalt laugh often, deeply and loudly.* Laughing is not only good for the heart, but it also reminds others that you still have a sense of humor. And if you can't laugh at life, what can you laugh at?
- *Thou shalt make a list of 20 things you've always wanted to do and do them one at a time.* Too often we put things off due to a lack of time. Consider retirement an invitation to finally make your dreams a reality.
- *Thou shalt wear out rather than rust out.* Spend your time creating new memories rather than dwelling on the past. Stay active.
- *Thou shalt think big thoughts and enjoy small pleasures.* Don't restrict yourself. Who says you can't write the "great American novel" if that's what you want to do? And don't forget that you really have time to treat yourself in small ways—take time to smell the roses.
- *Thou shalt sign your living will.* Don't think of this as a negative. It's the smart thing to do... for any adult.

Remember, aging is as much a state of mind as a physical process. By keeping these commandments in mind, you can be sure to make the most of your retirement days.

(Terry Rohe is author and correspondent on aging for ABC-TV's *Good Morning America*.)



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What Every Woman Should Know About Menopause And Osteoporosis

By Lila A. Nachtigall, M.D.

(NAPS)—Nearly one-third of the United States' female population—36 million women—have experienced menopause. As the 21st century approaches, another 21 million women of the baby-boomer generation will join them. With the advent of this population's maturity, women's issues such as estrogen replacement therapy and osteoporosis will command greater attention.

That's because at menopause, the ovaries reduce and eventually cease their production of estrogen and progesterone, the female sex hormones that regulate monthly periods. Estrogen, in particular, plays an important role in several bodily functions including the maintenance and conservation of bone tissue. Without estradiol (a very potent estrogen produced by the ovaries), women experience a loss of bone mass which can lead to osteoporosis.

Osteoporosis, meaning porous bone, is a disease characterized by the loss of bone mass which leads to decreased bone strength and poor bone quality, which results in increased risk of fractures.

Today, 25 million Americans have osteoporosis, which causes an estimated 1.5 million fractures annually. Of those 25 million, 80 percent are women. Women who are likely to develop osteoporosis often have the following characteristics: white or Asian race; slim build; cigarette smokers; a family history of osteoporosis in a mother, sister or aunt; and early menopause (change of life). In addition, the National Institute for Aging reports that osteoporosis is more closely related to menopause than to a woman's chronological age.

Loss of bone mass is an inevitable part of aging, but it is particularly pronounced in postmenopausal women. The National Institute on Aging defines menopause as a risk factor for osteoporosis because estrogen diminishes at an accelerated rate at the onset of menopause.

Osteoporosis is a silent disease. Most women don't know they have it until they experience a sudden fracture of the wrist or hip or a stooped posture caused by a deteriorating backbone.

Estrogen Replacement Therapy

Bone loss is most accelerated in the first five years after menopause. But

estrogen replacement therapy (ERT) can protect women against bone loss and osteoporosis for as long as 10 years. In fact, ERT is documented to reduce the rate of vertebral fractures even when started as late as six years after menopause and to reduce the risk of hip and wrist fractures by approximately 60 percent.

Bone loss resumes once therapy ends. As a result, physicians advocate the use of low-dose estrogen replacement therapy for at least 10 to 15 years, and some doctors even recommend life-long use. Women should discuss the benefits and risks of long-term ERT therapy with their doctor.

A New Therapy

In the interest of women's health, medical professionals raise concerns about noncompliance. Although ERT helps prevent osteoporosis, many women discontinue therapy when vasomotor symptoms, such as hot flashes and night sweats, cease. In fact, 85 percent of women eligible for ERT are not undergoing therapy, placing them at risk to the effects of bone loss. Of greater concern among those who suffer hip fracture (a common consequence of osteoporosis in very elderly women), between 12 and 20 percent will die within three months from complications. The incidence of hip fractures is greater with advanced age.

To address this issue, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company recently introduced its low-dose estrogen replacement therapy, Estrace® (estradiol tablets, USP) 0.5 mg, which is effective in preventing further loss of bone density in postmenopausal women when used as directed and in conjunction with regular checkups by a health care provider. While Estrace 1.0 mg and 2.0 mg have been available through physicians for the relief of vasomotor symptoms such as hot flashes and night sweats, the new low-dose tablet is now available by prescription for osteoporosis prevention. In a clinical trial, low-dose Estrace 0.5 mg helped prevent osteoporosis in postmenopausal women. Those in a placebo group lost bone mass.

Osteoporosis, known as the silent disease, poses a real threat to postmenopausal women. Only 15 percent of women eligible for ERT undergo therapy. Postmenopausal women not undergoing therapy should start or reinstate discussions with their doctor about the

importance of osteoporosis prevention. Even women who have been postmenopausal for several years and have never received ERT can still benefit from the bone-preserving effects once they begin taking it.

ERT class labeling recommends that women take the lowest dose of estrogen that provides the protective effect, because there are risks as well as benefits associated with ERT. Estrogens should not be used in individuals with any of the following conditions: known or suspected pregnancy, since estrogens may cause fetal harm; unusual vaginal bleeding; known or suspected cancer of the breast or uterus; and circulation problems or abnormal clotting disorders. Estrogens have been reported to increase the risk of cancer of the uterus in women who have had their menopause. Women should advise their doctor if they have heart disease before beginning ERT. Common side effects of low-dose Estrace 0.5 mg include nausea and vomiting, breast tenderness or enlargement, and retention of excess fluid.

Low-dose Estrace 0.5 mg contains only 17β estradiol which is derived from naturally occurring compounds from plant sources. It is the same as the female hormone, estradiol, that is naturally produced by the ovaries before menopause.

Sensible Health Care

Osteoporosis is a debilitating disease that stifles mobility, but it may be prevented by adhering to a consistent regimen. Doctors recommend that women who are approaching menopause should get plenty of weight-bearing exercise to strengthen their bones. Women should also eat foods high in calcium and vitamin D and avoid smoking and excessive amounts of alcohol. Finally, women may want to discuss low-dose estrogen replacement therapy with their doctors—to prevent osteoporosis and to begin their golden years on a strong footing.

(Dr. Nachtigall is an obstetrician/gynecologist and the author of several books on the subject of menopause and hormone replacement therapy. Also, she is associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the New York University Medical Center.)

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Rehab Nursing Helps In Many Ways

(NAPS)—What is rehab nursing? Rehabilitation nurses begin to work with individuals and their families soon after disabling injury or chronic illness strikes, and are still there after the individuals go home and back to school or work. During that time, rehabilitation nurses help people make the most of their abilities.

They do this by educating, motivating and working with individuals and their families, friends and employers. There are about 60,000 rehab nurses in the United States.

Medical rehabilitation is the art and science of helping people to lead functional and productive lives after they survive congenital conditions, traumatic injury or potentially disabling disease.

To find out more about rehab nursing or how medical rehabilitation could help you or someone you know, call the Medical Rehabilitation Education Foundation (MREF) at 1-800-GET-REHAB.

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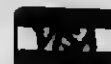
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Congestive Heart Failure Needlessly Endangers Lives

(NAPS)—At age 62, Julian Barber, an active and busy communications executive, suddenly had difficulty performing even the simplest of daily activities. Just walking down the hall at work exhausted him. He was unable to sleep at night, and gained weight even though his diet was stable.

He soon made an appointment with a general practitioner who diagnosed him with a common heart ailment and prescribed a drug which was appropriate for that condition. However, Mr. Barber's symptoms grew worse.

At the recommendation of a friend, Julian Barber went to see a cardiologist and was diagnosed with congestive heart failure (CHF)—a serious, life-threatening condition in which the heart gradually loses its ability to pump enough blood to supply the body's needs.

Mr. Barber was hospitalized at once and told that a heart transplant was a possibility if his condition further deteriorated. He was first put on medications that included ACE inhibitors and a diuretic. This combination proved so effective that his health improved dramatically in just three months. Four

years later, Mr. Barber enjoys a normal, active life.

His experience is all too common. Many patients with CHF go undiagnosed because physicians often link its warning signs to other, less dangerous conditions. In addition, many patients with CHF ignore the early symptoms. Consequently, many do not receive appropriate treatment in the beginning stages, when it might be most effective.

"CHF is dangerous because its symptoms usually develop so gradually that many people don't recognize that they signal a very serious disease," comments Dr. Alan Wasserman, director of cardiology at the George Washington University Medical Center.

Congestive heart failure affects between two and three million Americans and contributes to 270,000 deaths in the U.S. each year. This condition is one of the leading causes of hospitalization in people over age 65. Health problems that increase the risk of CHF are a history of heart attack, heart muscle inflammation or damage, and long-standing high blood pressure.

Some of the most common symptoms of CHF are swollen legs or ankles, weight gain from fluid retention,

shortness of breath, and cool, pale hands and feet. Other signs include increased urination at night, fatigue and weakness even at rest.

Once the condition is diagnosed, Wasserman strongly advises patients to strictly adhere to physician instructions on medications and recommendations on diet and exercise. He says that one of the chief problems in treating the condition is sometimes just getting the patient to take the medication.

To find out more about CHF, the public can request a free brochure by calling 1-800-497-0360. The brochure is being offered as part of a nationwide education campaign launched by the non-profit Alliance for Aging Research and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

"It is important for everyone to know about the warning signs of CHF," comments Daniel Perry, executive director of the Alliance for Aging Research. "It is the goal of our campaign to help keep older Americans out of hospitals and living healthy and independent lives."

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Kids programs at Moraine Valley

Which dinosaur is referred to as the long-neck and which dinosaur has three horns? Children can learn those and an assortment of other details about the gigantic reptiles of the Mesozoic Period through programs at Moraine Valley Community College.

Return of the Dinosaurs for children ages 5-7 runs for four weeks 9-10:30 a.m., beginning Feb. 26.

Another children's program makes use of items found in nature for creating art projects. Nature Crafts for children ages 6-9 runs for four weeks 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m., beginning Feb. 26.

For more information, phone the Workforce Development and Community Services Department at (708) 974-5745.

Information on courses, times, and dates is available in the Moraine Valley spring se-

mester schedule of courses. Registration is underway. For more information on registration, phone (708) 974-2110, or visit the Moraine Valley web site at www.maraine.cc.il.us.

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Barbara O'Malley, internationally recognized Christian healer, will conduct a healing service Thursday, February 24, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at Crystal Light Banquet Hall, 8400 S. Cicero Avenue (84th Street and Cicero Ave.) in Burbank. Since O'Malley received the gift of healing 18 years ago, countless testimonies of physical, emotional, and spiritual healings have taken place through her ministry. All are welcome. There is no admission charge. No reservations are needed. For further information please contact (630) 620-1825.

Facts On Physical Therapy

(NAPS)—There are about 77,600 physical therapists practicing in the U.S. today. They help 900,000 individuals daily to restore health and alleviate pain. Working with people of all ages, physical therapists treat children in public schools who are disabled or need special attention, senior citizens in nursing homes suffering from arthritis or hip injury, patients in hospitals, athletes recovering from injury, employees of industrial plants injured in the workplace, infants born of cocaine-addicted mothers, and veterans coping with an

amputated leg or paralysis. Today's physical therapist serves a dynamic, comprehensive health care role in improving and maintaining the quality of life for millions of Americans.

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gling, dance, comedy, and magic.

Tickets for the Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats, priced at \$16, are on sale now at the Paramount Arts Centre box office, 23 E. Galena Blvd, Aurora, (630) 896-6666 and TicketMaster ticket outlets. Sales have been strong, so seats are limited.

This program is presented by the Paramount Arts Cen-

tre Endowment and General Mills. It is also partially sponsored by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. The Paramount Arts Centre is a not-for-profit performing arts theater dedicated to bringing high-quality, affordable entertainment to the western suburbs. The theater was placed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

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Artist work show in Moraine Valley art gallery

Part-time faculty member Erik LaGuttera, an organic farmer and painter of fantasy, is featuring his work now through February 22 in the Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery in the Moraine Valley Community College Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, as well as during most performances.

LaGuttera draws on his background in biology, anthropology and organic farming to produce large-scale paintings that show ecological and personal relationships. Utopias, his most recent painting, is in the exhibit.

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Individuals with myasthenia gravis are being sought for participation in a clinical trial that will determine if a new treatment is effective in reducing muscle fatigue and weakness. The pilot study is being conducted by neurologists from Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago.

Myasthenia gravis is a chronic muscular disease that weakens the voluntary muscles of the body. Myasthenia gravis is the result of a communication problem between the nerve and the muscles that control eye movement, eyelids, facial expressions, chewing, coughing and swallowing. Muscles that control breathing and movements of the arms and legs may also be affected.

"Muscle weakness occurs when a person's muscle fibers are unable to obtain impulses from the nerve endings which are connected to the brain. The body's immune

system has antibodies that are supposed to protect it from foreign attacking proteins. However, in patients with myasthenia gravis, there are abnormal antibodies that are destroying or blocking the receptor sites between the muscles and nerves resulting in miscommunication and fatigue," said Matthew Meriggioli, MD, a neurologist at Rush.

The current treatments for myasthenia gravis include prednisone, azathioprine and cyclosporin. All of these medications have side effects that range from weight gain and high blood pressure to accelerated osteoporosis or suppression of bone marrow. Although remission is possible in some cases, doctors at Rush want to find a way to lower the dosage of the drugs to reduce side effects, yet equal benefit. It is hoped that the drug being tested, Cellcept, may have fewer side effects, equal benefits

and quicker onset of action than the other drugs.

According to Dr. Julie Rowin, MD, a neurologist at Rush, "Cellcept may give us another option in a limited field for those patients who cannot tolerate the other drugs. The onset is quicker, much like steroids and with smaller side effects."

Only 14 out of 100,000 people are diagnosed with some form of myasthenia gravis and Rush is a leader in the treatment of this disorder. The clinical trial is recruiting 20 patients with varying forms of myasthenia gravis weaknesses to participate in a double blind placebo controlled test to test the safety and efficacy of this new drug. Quantitative testing including grip strength and functional motor skills will be conducted and rated. Individuals should call (312) 942-4500 for more information about participating in the clinical trial.

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The partnership is a collaboration with Christ Hospital, the Village of Oak Lawn, business and community members, to address health, wellness and lifestyle needs of the community.

Community notices

On Monday February 21, 2000, (President's Day) from 9:30 - 11:00 AM, Overeaters Anonymous will host an open meeting located at the Elm Baptist Church, 10835 South Pulaski. Three speakers will be featured. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Overeaters Anonymous whether you have an eating problem, know someone who does, or work with people who so. Literature and baby-sitting will be available. Overeaters Anonymous is based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. For further information, please do not hesitate to call 708/346-0000

Dear Editor: Thank you very much for the February 1 front page article in the Village View, written by Rick Technian, about the Clearing Night Force Neighborhood Watch Group, and specifically my talk at the Clearing Civic League meeting.

Positive media reporting, as was evident in the article, goes a long way in getting our message to the community and promoting neighborhood volunteerism.

We are only a small group of concerned citizens, but our impact has been largely felt based on current Beat 812 crime statistics. Our Chicago Police Department Beat 812 officers indicate to us that overall crime in Clearing is down and Beat 812 is considered the safest in the city of Chicago. Credit is shared by our beat officers and the dedicated Clearing Night Force Neighborhood Watch Group Volunteers.

Again, thank you for being our advocate.

Dear Editor: In a recent newspaper article, I read that State Representative Jim Brosnahan is asking the senior community to help him enact a law that would give senior citizens discount rates for prescription drugs.

The law would allow seniors to access the same discounts on prescription drugs that drug manufacturers currently give to HMOs and the federal government.

As a senior citizen that is tired of paying outrageous prices for prescription drugs, I ask the senior community to get behind Mr. Brosnahan and help him reduce prescription drug costs for us.

Volunteers wanted at hospital

Christ Hospital and Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, is currently seeking new members for its volunteer department. Volunteers are needed Sunday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Volunteers donate their services in patient and non-patient areas. There are volunteer opportunities in a variety of areas, including ambulatory care, clerical areas, emergency room, patient care, religion and health, security, and social services. Volunteers are also needed for special events, blood drives, intermittent meetings and gift shops.

For more information, call the Christ Hospital volunteer office at 708-346-5248.

Drivers needed to deliver meals from hospital

Christ Hospital and Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, is looking for volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound seniors. Serving the communities of Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn and Hometown, drivers visit 10 seniors once a week. Drivers not only bring needed nourishment but also a friendly face and warm greeting to seniors. Distribution of meals takes less than three hours. If you have a car and are available between 10 a.m. and noon any weekday, call Carol Wicherek, Senior Advocate department, at 708-346-4150 or 708-346-5258.

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Christ Hospital associates recognized for life-saving actions

Two Christ Hospital and Medical Center guest services associates were recently recognized for saving the lives of two visitors in January. Chief executive Carol Schneider (center) congratulates Jatown Moody (left) of Glenwood and Robert MacElhinney (left) of Oak Lawn. Moody performed the Heimlich maneuver on a young child who was choking on a piece of candy at Hope Children's Hospital. MacElhinney attended to a Catholic sister who complained of nausea. Suspecting something more serious, MacElhinney rushed her to the emergency department where she was treated for an irregular heartbeat. Doctors said his quick thinking saved her life. Guest services personnel are associated stationed throughout the hospital to assist patients and visitors by escorting them, providing directions and assisting with special requests.

BHUC annual theater production

The Beverly Hills University Club's annual scholarship fund raiser is Broadway hit "Crazy For You" to be staged at the Beverly Art Center March 24, 25, 26. It is a remake of the 30's IRA and George Gershwin Broadway hit "Girl Crazy."

"It has a text that combines Gershwin songs from several former shows such as Shall We Dance, Embraceable You, Nice Work If You Can Get It, and the foot stompin' hand clappin' I Got Rhythm. Billy and Gina Vitucci of Mokena are the leads Bobbe Child and Polly who take the audience on a thrilling ride through Nevada.

Some show stoppin' numbers are Embraceable You, Nice Work If You Can Get It, and Slap That Base. Executive producers are Bob Goeble (Beverly), and Sue Schneider (Chicago), and

Schneider (Chicago), and assistants Chris and Anna Marie Brennan (Beverly). Directed and Choreographed by Cassie Dawe assisted by Tom Fagan (Chicago), Musical Director Chris Dimas.

The unheralded set construction crew consists of Tom Beck, Mike and Bobbie Maty, Gene Kolenda, Keith Feuer, Bob Wildon, Steven Langdon, Pat Moriarty, and Bill Sandstrom. Other cast members are: Brad Kisner, Jane Page,

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The Civil War starring Larry Gatlin and BeBe Winans

The newly restored Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 West Randolph, welcomes the Chicago premiere of "The Civil War" from February 23 through 27, 2000. This newly-conceived staging of composer Frank Wildhorn's musical will star Grammy Award-winning vocalist BeBe Winans.

Grammy Award-winning singer and songwriter Larry Gatlin has a list of credits which have earned him many rewards. A multi-talented entertainer, Gatlin has a long register of #1 hit songs, a starring role on Broadway in the Tony Awards-winning musical, "The Will Rogers Follies," and is the composer of his own two musicals, "Alive and Well" and "Texas Flyer." Additionally, Gatlin is the author of his life story to date, "All the Gold in California," published in 1998.

BeBe Winans is best known as the male half of BeBe & CeCe Winans, who have been honored with nearly 30 major industry award nominations, since they began recording together in 1987. Winans has himself received four Grammy Awards, two of which were for Best Soul Gospel Performance by a

Male. As a record producer he has worked with Whitney Houston and other top artists including Gladys Night, Bobby Brown and Stephanie Mills. Recently, Winans was signed as a solo artist by Motown Records, with a debut Motown release slated for June 2000.

Written by Frank Wildhorn, Gregory Boyd and Jack Murphy, "The Civil War" is a sweeping saga of love and heroism inspired by the men and women who defined a nation. It was first staged at Houston's Alley Theatre in 1998 and then went on to Broadway in the spring of 1999, receiving enthusiastic response and two Tony Award nominations. Two popular recordings from the musical, "The Civil War--The Complete Work" and "The Civil War--The Nashville Sessions," were released by Atlantic Records in 1998 and early 1999.

The national touring production of "The Civil War" has been revamped by the authors and is being directed by Stephen Rayne, who most recently worked with Trevor Nunn on the acclaimed Royal National Theatre production of "Not About Nightingales." Rayne has also been

associated with the Royal Shakespeare Company, working on such productions as "Othello," "The Comedy of Errors," "Hamlet," "They Shoot Horses, Don't They," and "The Great White Hope."

"The Civil War" will feature staging by Peter Pucci (The Joffrey Ballet's "Billboards," Pilobolus Dance Company), scenic design by Douglas W. Schmidt (designer of the original Broadway production of "Grease," "They're Playing Our Song" and the upcoming film version of "The Fantasticks"), costume design by Christine Hanak (NETwork's current touring production of "Show Boat"), projections by Wendall K. Harrington ("The Who's Tommy," "Ragtime"), and orchestrations by Kim Scharnerberg ("Jekyll & Hyde," "The Scarlet Pimpernel").

Frank Wildhorn is the first American composer in more than 20 years to have three original musicals -- "Jekyll & Hyde," "The Civil War" and "The Scarlet Pimpernel" -- running simultaneously on Broadway. His compositions have spanned the worlds of popular music to ballet, and from stage to film and television. Artists which have

recorded and performed his songs include: Whitney Houston, Kenny Rogers, Natalie Cole, Sammy Davis Jr., Julie Andrews, Liza Minnelli, The Moody Blues, Tricia Yearwood, Peabo Bryson, Linda Eder, Betty Buckley, John Raitt, Brenda Russell, Tracy Lawrence, Michael Feinstein, Jeffrey Osborne and Carol Anderson. Upcoming musical scores/productions include "Havana" and "Svengali." He is creative director of Atlantic Records' new division, Atlantic Theatre, and an associate artist of The Alley Theatre.

The performance schedule has been changed to the following: Wednesday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, February 24 at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Friday, February 25 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, February 26 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, February 27 at 3 and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for "The Civil War" range in price from \$35.50 - 65.00 and are now on sale at the Cadillac Palace Box office, via Ticketmaster at (312) 902-1500, at all Ticketmaster outlets or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Groups of 20 or more can receive a discount by calling (312) 855-9400. Visa is proud to be the preferred card of this engagement, where Visa cardholders have advance access and priority seating opportunities.

students. As part of the media event, Mariana Dusevic '92, a former theatre student and currently employed by the Shubert Theatre's Marketing Department, recalled her days at McAuley. All remembered the tremendous impact Mrs. Haynes had on their lives.

others and assume roles of Christian leadership.

Pat is managing director of the All School Musical, the 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival, Summer Kids Kamp and Performers Camp. She also has been an active member of the Illinois Theatre Association, serving her second year as president.

Upon receiving this prestigious distinction, Pat commented, "I love my job."

Every day it is a joy to be here at McAuley. Recently Pat was thrilled to have some former students and members of former All School Shows visit her and her classes. While in town for the production Footloose, Joe Machota stopped at McAuley to visit Mrs. Haynes and reminisce about the many shows he starred in while a high school student. Jean Keller '92 also visited, choreographing a Footloose number for McAuley theatre

atre instruction, and as a model of Christian leadership. The teacher-nominee participates in the nomination process by writing a response to the statement: why have I chosen to be an educator in the Catholic school. The principal describes how the teacher is actively involved in providing quality Catholic education for their students.

At McAuley, Pat impacts the learning environment of her students by being a wonderfully creative teacher. She brings the subject matter to the students level in order for them to better understand the material. Pat's enthusiasm in the classroom is infectious. She is committed to providing a superb secondary education for the young women she encounters daily. Pat follows the mission of Catherine McAuley by preparing her students to think critically, respond compassionately to the needs of

McAuley acknowledges heart of school

Mrs. Patricia Haynes, Theatre Department Chairperson at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, has been recognized by her colleagues as McAuley's recipient of the 1999-2000 Heart of the School Award. Mrs. Haynes is in her twenty-second year teaching theatre at McAuley and is also moderator of the International Thespian Society Troupe #443.

Each year the Office of Catholic Education of the Archdiocese of Chicago gives schools an opportunity to nominate one of their distinguished teachers for the Heart of the School Award. The McAuley Faculty feels Mrs. Haynes is someone who distinguishes herself daily as a professional educator, an effective communicator, as one who impacts the learning environment for her students, as a teacher who uses creative techniques and strategies to deliver quality the-

GCAC hall of fame inductees

Recently, the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference held a 25th anniversary celebration at the Old Barn in Burbank. The twenty two member schools honored the eleven founding schools and, for the first time, inducted three people into the GCAC Hall of Fame.

Three members - Donna Smith, Mickey Smith, and Rich Soria, were inducted into the GCAC Hall of Fame. Donna Smith has been involved with the conference in some capacity for 22 years. In 1977, she coached Mother McAuley to the volleyball state championship. From 1978 to the present, Donna has been the volleyball assignment chairperson for the conference. Mickey Smith, in addition to being

one of the founders of the conference, has served as treasurer for the 25 years of existence. From 1966-1985, she coached, taught and directed the athletic program at the Academy of the Sacred Heart. Following that, Mickey served as the Assistant principal at Notre Dame High School for three years. Rich Soria, began as a basketball official in the GCAC in 1974. From 1978 to the present, he has continued officiating while taking on the added responsibility of the basketball assignor for the conference. During this time, he also formed the GCAC Officials Association. Additionally, Rich has served as one of the conference softball assignors since 1979.

Locked in Chains

The raging ocean's endless swells;
What dreadful stories they could tell?
Of ships keeled o'er by monstrous waves;
Below, poor black men, shackled, rave.
They naught can do, but lie and wait.
Watery graves may be their fate!
The heaving ocean shows no mercy,
Deaf to all their pleas and curses.
Men cruelly fettered, not one freed;



No help for them in that dire need.
Rolling upright, the ship survives.
In that hold, many wasted lives.
By seas, engulfed, some drowned like rats;
Still there, entrapped, they hang like bats.
Lifeless bodies, putrefying;
Naked, thrown to sharks there lying.
Survivors left there in the dark.
Locked in chains, till they disembark.
(Staked, naked on blocks, auctioned, sold.)
Chained by new masters, futures unknown.)
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Bob Sherman named a top sales associate

Oak Lawn, IL January 28, 2000- Bob Sherman, an experienced real estate veteran with the Oak Lawn office of Century 21 Pro-Team, was named one of the top sales associates.

Bob Sherman is among a select group of sales associates in the firm to receive this award. Each year, Century 21 Pro-Team honors one agent from its office for top sales volume achievement, and one agent for top number of closed units. Bob Sherman received both honors in the Century 21 Pro-Team office for 1999. Bob has also earned the coveted Centurion Award,

the top production award for the Century 21 Franchise in 1998 and 1999.

Bob has over 30 years of experience in the industry and has been with the Century 21 system for 6 years.

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James Polk, the 11th President, was the first not to seek re-election after a complete first term.



(L-R) State Senator Patrick O'Malley, Candidate Patricia Vlasis, Worth Township Republican Committeeman Maureen Murphy, and Republican Leader Lee A. Daniels of the Illinois House of Representatives.

State Senator Patrick O'Malley and Republican Leader Lee A. Daniels join Committeeman Maureen Murphy at the kick-off breakfast at the Oak Lawn Hilton in support of local community volunteer and businesswoman, Patricia Vlasis in her campaign for State Representative in the 36th district. The 36th district includes part of Alsip, Blue Island, Chicago Ridge, Evergreen Park, Merrionette Park and Oak Lawn.

Beverly

Montessori School

The public is invited to Beverly Montessori School's Open House, on Sunday, February 20, 2000, from 11 AM - 2 PM. The school, located at 9916 South Walden Parkway, in Beverly, follows Dr. Maria Montessori's theories of developing the child's love of learning through discovery.

The Beverly Montessori School, now in its 32nd year, offers half day (AM or PM) programs that include children from 3 years of age through kindergarten. Visitors to the Open House

will be able to walk through the classrooms, see the classroom materials and ask questions of the school staff.

Registration for the fall is now open. Early registration is recommended. Applications and information can be obtained at the Open House or by calling the school at (773) 239-7635.

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The Double Nickel Plus Chorus is an OCS Program under the direction of Emily Nowicki. The 30-member chorus meets at the Community Center, 3450 West 97th Street, Evergreen Park, every Wednesday at 9:30 A.M. in Room 111. If you are an Evergreen Park Senior, love music and would like to sing in the chorus, please come and join in. Newcomers are always welcome.

This group is well received as it tours the southwest suburbs entertaining other Seniors, children and residents of nursing homes, hospitals and schools.

Friends of the Library Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Reading material is available in advance and everyone is welcome to join.

A short story discussion group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. They will meet

March 8 for "The Second Tree From the Corner" by E. B. White. Copies of these short stories

can be picked up one month in advance at the library's Fiction Desk, first floor.

A novel discussion group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m.

They will meet February 23 to discuss "Morgan's Passing" by Anne Tyler and March 22 for "July's People" by Nadine Gordimer. Copies of these novels can be checked out one month in advance at the library's Circulation Desk, first floor.

Meetings are held in the Mary Nelson Classroom, on the library's lower level.

For additional information, call Beth Baird, book discussion chair, 708-422-4933.

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The first step is to define your personal financial goals. Ask yourself: What are my current and future financial needs? What kind of return

am I seeking? How much investment risk am I willing to accept to achieve this return?

Once you've established these guidelines, consider the following:

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY/STYLE

Find out which type of investment style the money manager under consideration uses. Although firms may use several variations of investment styles. There are two general types of money management: value management and growth management. Value managers prefer to invest in undervalued securities whose fundamentals remain solid, where as growth oriented managers focus on the ability of a company to increase

its earnings on a long-term and continuing basis.

CREDENTIALS: Start by determining if the manager is a RIA (registered investment adviser), because every money manager must register with the securities and exchange commission. Also ask for a copy of the manager's ADV form, which provides details about education, experience, investment style and any regulatory problems with the SEC.

PERFORMANCE: Investment performance can be evaluated in a number of ways, including both short-and long-term. Ask to see quarterly or annual data, which may reveal a different conclusion about a manager's performance than looking only at three or five year. "Average" returns for example, a five-year average return may appear outstanding relative to other managers and to the market, on the other hand, quarterly data may reveal that much of the return can be attributed to just one or two exceptional quarter.

SERVICE CAPABILITIES:

A manager should have a large enough staff to service existing

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FEES: Based on the size of your account and the manager's performance the management fee usually ranges between one percent and five percent. If your account fee exceeds this range, you should try to negotiate down the fee or receive a discount for exceeding the required minimum account size. For example, a two percent fee from a \$1 million account will earn the manager more than a three percent fee on a \$100,000 account.

There are literally thousand of money managers you can choose from. Your financial consultant can help you in the selection process and find one that is most compatible with you.

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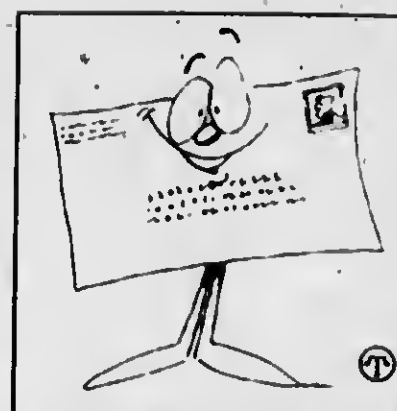
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Caps beat 0811 meet to report the realigning of its beats

by Rick Techman

More than 100 citizens from beat 0811 (Harlem to Central, 51st to 59th streets) met at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, 5550 South Merrimac, for the Police Beat/Caps meeting last week with various questions about local crime in mind.

Pastor Thomas Svoboda greeted all the residents to his church and explained to them what the nature of the evenings meeting would cover.

Graffiti cleanup in the area was still the hot topic of crime in the community. It was confirmed that the Sun-Times does not want to assist in the graffiti cleanup of their newspaper boxes although all other local newspapers and businesses agreed graffiti cleanup would not be a problem.

To combat graffiti on Sun-Times newspaper stands two alternatives were reached. The lesser alternative was to have the Sun-Times remove

all newsstands from the area. The other alternative was to have the city's graffiti blasters come out to clean up the boxes.

Though the second alternative would be more costly and time consuming, the Sun-Times agreed that the materials used by graffiti blasters does not ruin the paint on their boxes and if the residents wanted to keep the boxes in beat 0811 graffiti blasters would be the answer.

Sergeant James Kulekowskis who oversees the beat 0811 crew, announces a relatively crime-free period in beat 0811. Although graffiti tagging is still a problem and gangs are trying to exploit our community, crime in the area has been very low.

Kulekowskis reminded the community that Beat 0811 is as big as some Chicago Police Districts yet this area is not undermanned and crime is kept under control. However, Kulekowskis remind

everyone that they wanted to be counted as members of the community.

Kulekowskis said the Chicago Police Department is realigning its beats and districts and the residents must continue to keep the level of protection they have if not in fact increase it somewhat to keep this area as free of crime as it currently stands.

It was stated that the prime purpose of gangs was to claim ground and to "tag" (graffiti) property. Officers agreed keeping the taggers under control through arrests.

Monica Polnick, the community's local court advocacy representative is still seeking support from residents to go with her to daytime court hearings of taggers and other offenders to enforce to the judge the need for guilty verdicts and strict punishment.



VFW sponsored a youth essay contest

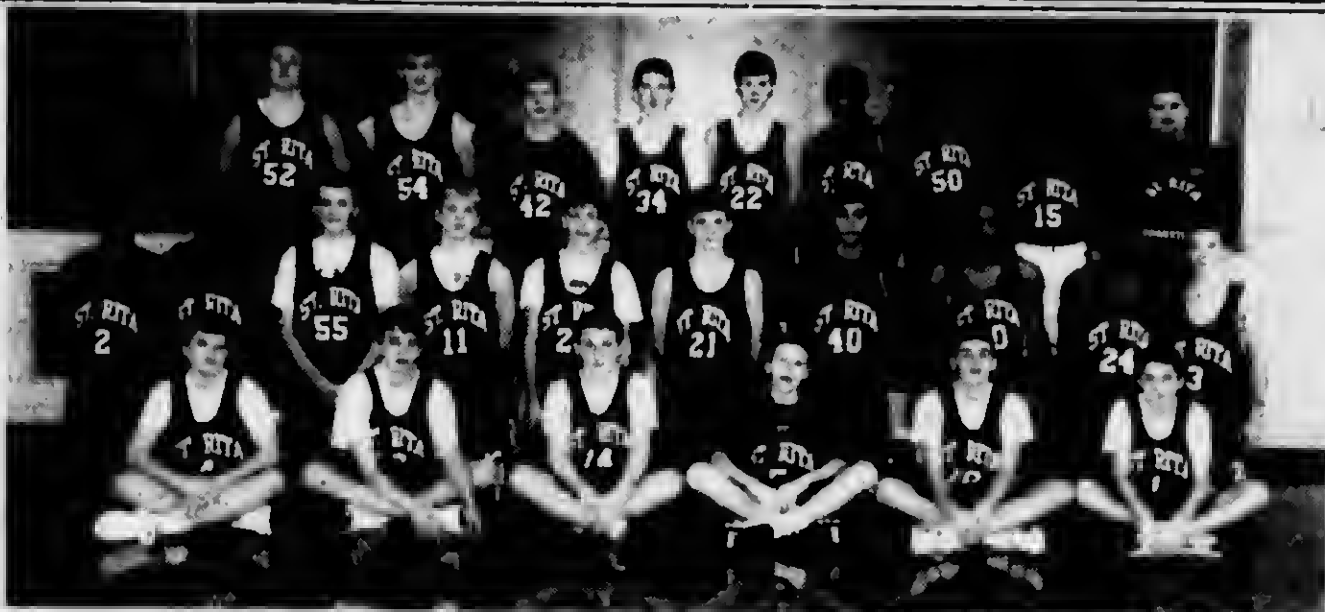
The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Western Front Post No. 177, Chicago, IL sponsored the VFW Youth Essay Contest at area schools.

Each school winner was awarded a \$100 US Savings Bond at individual school ceremonies.

The School winner of Michael Byrne School, located at 53rd and Oak Park Ave. in Chicago, is 8th grade student Shaun Caulfield. He lives at 5418 S Oak Park Ave. in

Chicago. The presentation ceremony was held in the VFW Post home located at 3743 W. 63rd Street in Chicago, On January 30, 2000. Shaun Caulfield advances to compete for VFW 3rd District awards and additional prizes.

In photo: Post Youth Activities Director John Swan, the school winner Shaun Caulfield, and one of the contest judges Precinct Captain of the 60th Precinct in the 14th Chicago ward.



The St. Rita of Cascia High School Freshman Basketball Team captured the Nazareth Academy Christmas Tournament which was held over the Christmas break. The were one of 8 Chicagoland area teams participating. Members of the team, Nick Petravick, Adam Bailye, Joe Dunaj, Doug Newton, John Schaffer, Rodney Moore, Jerrah Young, Willie Granderson, Coach Bill Judge; (kneeling) Chris Thompson, Nelson Robinson, Mike Kurnat, Billy Bendoraitis, Paul Standring, Joe Zordan, Dave Brown, Rashay Russell, Brandon Williams, Ed Hanacek; (sitting) Kevin Carroll, Mike Mehalek, Joe Tagler, Dave Kipp, Nick Calarco, and Ken Murfay. Not pictured, Mike Rembert. Ken Murfay. Not pictured, Mike Rembert.

Substitute teachers needed at Kennedy High School

by Rich Techman

For at least the past month the Marquis at John F. Kennedy High School, 6325 West 56th Street has made a community appeal for substitute teachers from the area.

Last week at a community meeting holding almost 100 local residents, David Gilligan, Assistant Principal of the school, publicly announced the need for substitute teachers at Kennedy.

Gilligan said there were some requirements to be met to achieve such a position but anyone with the proper education could go through the city and state boards of education and get a substitute teaching certificate before the end of the school year.

Gilligan explained anyone with at least a bachelor's degree could be eligible for a job. He explained no special teacher's training was required. All training would come through the certification process.

Benefits are available to substitute teachers who meet certain criteria and the pay is almost \$100 a day for a 6 hour day. Gilligan also said substitute teaching hasn't changed. There are more than 100 teachers at Kennedy and just about everyday someone is absent making the need for substitutes imperative.

One the substitute teacher fills the days position, they will be given a roster of students to call roll and a lesson plan to follow for the day.

Several Kennedy teachers attended the public meeting and they all assured the audience Kennedy kids are well behaved and any minor discipline problem can be handled quickly and responsibly by the dean.

One instructor who taught at public schools outside the area said, "I feel like I died and went to heaven," when he described the atmosphere at Kennedy.

In attendance were two members of the school local council and a school administrator.

The principal, administration and teaching staff, along with the LSC, are looking forward to educational growth for both youth and adults at Kennedy High School.

For more information on becoming a substitute teacher at Kennedy, call David Gilligan any weekday at 773-535-2325.

If there is to be any peace, it will come through being, not having.

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A soccer odyssey becomes a reality

Jim Garrett, President and C.E.O. of Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau raised glasses with Mayor Dean Koldenhoven of Palos Heights; Larry Bolt, Principal of Chicago Christian High School; David Ribbens, Assistant Professor of Physical Education at Trinity Christian College; Bill Finn of Moraine Valley Community College; and a host of others representing amateur soccer in a champagne toast. At a news conference on February 3, at the Alsip Radisson, Garrett announced that Palos Heights, Palos Hills and Alsip will host 2001: A Soccer Odyssey. This will be the largest amateur soccer tournament ever held in this area.

Three tournaments will be held together in conjunction with the U.S. Amateur Soccer Association, and the Illinois State Soccer Association from July 27 thru August 5, 2001. The U.S. Soccer Festival, will bring men and women teams from four regions, a total of 12 to 14 top

quality teams, in an effort to identify potential national team talent. The Tournament of Champions will feature teams in four categories, men, women, men over 30, and women over 30, from across the State. The Tournament of Mexican-American Communities of the U.S.A. will match men and women's teams from all over the Chicago area. The winners of that tournament will represent Chicago in a national tournament in the fall. The 17 year old World Cup Team from Hamburg Germany has committed themselves to exhibition competition. According to Mr. Garrett, a top youth team from Mexico is being sought to provide a match up.

Trinity Christian College, Chicago Christian High School and Moraine Valley Community College will provide their soccer fields, and Trinity Christian College will provide dormitories for athletes. The Radisson in Alsip will provide the base

of operations for Odyssey. The event is expected to bring \$1.7 million in business to the area. To insure its success, Governor Ryan has announced the award of a \$179,000 Tourism Private Sector Grant to the Illinois State Soccer Association.

Mr. Garrett described the preparations for the presentation to the U.S. Amateur Soccer Association as a dream. He and his staff hoped for the best results and put together a solid package. Not only did he have three schools offering their fields, and the Radisson providing the headquarters, he also had other hotels, many restaurants and a number of attractions, including Cook County Cougars Baseball, race tracks, Shopping, World Music Theater, etc. During the next few months, plans will be made to entertain participants and their families. Virginia Beach, Virginia and Hawaii were also competing for the national tournament.

by: Jude Coyle



Book Talk to help children read

Lindsey Harper, Devin Anderson, and Taylor Dahlberg, all of Palos Hills and all first graders at the Dorn Primary Center in North Palos School District 117, stand with Reading Intervention teachers, Karen Sladek and Dyanne Thayer. Sladek and Thayer are the sponsors of "Book Talk," a program for students and their parents that runs from October through the following summer. Parents attend one evening session a month where they are given strategies to help their children become better readers. Twelve families are participating in the program this school year.

World's Largest Adventure Travel Show Returns to Chicago!!!

The Chicago area will once again host the world's largest and longest running Adventure Travel Show! The 10th annual International Adventure Travel and Outdoor Show, owned by *Outside Magazine*, the one magazine to win the National Magazine Award's General Excellence honor three years in a row and the leader in adventure travel publications, will be held at the Rosemont Convention Center, February 18th-20th, 2000.

This year's show will bring together over 350 exhibitors representing leading outfitters, tour operators and tourism councils from around the world, dozens of seminars on exciting topics and destinations, prizes, trip give-aways, guest lecturers, and activity stations for attendees to actually experience their own adventure at the show!

The increasing popularity of shows like the International Adventure Travel and Outdoor Show is a reflection of the growing interest people have in taking "adventure vacations", either soft adventures to a new country or destination they once would not have considered, or hard adventures including a kayak trip down a roaring rapids or a hike or bike ride that challenges the mind and body. Soft or hard adventure vacations represent almost 40% of travel vacations last year.

Over 350 Exhibitors!

Adventure Activity Stations!

There will even be activity stations located throughout the show to provide you with first hand experience. Guests can learn to fly fish, climb rock walls, challenge a rope course, ride a mechanical bull, and if you bring a bathing suit and towel, even kayak and scuba dive!

Nearly 100 Free Seminars!

Aspiring travelers can attend dozens of seminars throughout the weekend on topics ranging from exploring the Amazon to trekking across Europe! From llama packing through Alaska's spectacular backcountry to navigating the world's most exciting and scenic rivers, from visiting the familiar, like the Grand Canyon, to exploring the undiscovered corners of the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union. If you're looking for adventure travel on a budget or a trip with every luxury, you can find it HERE!!

Tickets for the Show can be purchased at the door and are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for kids 5-12. Free admission for Children under 5!

The Show starts Friday, February 18th at 6:00 pm and is open until 10:00 pm. Saturday, February 19th show hours will be 10:00 am - 8:00 pm and Sunday, February 20th show hours are 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

The 10th Annual International Adventure Travel and Outdoor Show is owned and operated by *Outside Magazine* and sponsored by Ford Outfitters, American Airlines, Teva and *Windy City Sports*!

Board Trustee Nolan appointed to national community college committee

Mary Nolan, a member of the Board of Trustees for Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, has been appointed to the Governance/Bylaws Committee of the Association of Community College Trustees.

The committee studies external and internal policy issues and makes recommendations to the association's board. She will serve a one-year term. "I look forward to serving on this committee," Nolan said. "Our work this year will contribute to the association's overall effort to continue to move forward in its service to community college boards of trustees across the country."

Nolan, who was first elected to the Moraine Valley Board in 1995, has been active on state community college committees. Trustee Nolan served as chair of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association's Recognition Forum in 1997-98 and vice chair of the group's Public Relations Committee in 1996-97. She also has served as the Moraine Valley Board's representative to the national and state associations and the Association of Governing Boards.

"The one thing that's certain is that we in the education community will continue to see heated rhetoric on the funding issue," she said.

"Funding education is good, sound politics. There is no doubt in my mind that the role our national association plays in the federal arena is crucial to the future of community colleges."

For more information, phone Mark Horstmeier, director of College and Community Relations, at 974-5275.

Trip offered

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering a trip to the United Center to watch the Bulls play the Cleveland Cavaliers. The trip will take place on Thursday, March 2. Transportation will depart from the Palos Hills Golf Course.

Register now at the Park Department temporary location, 8017 W. 103rd St. For information call 430-4500.

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Major drug seizures in south suburbs

By: E.J. Soczek

Oak Lawn Police Chief James Houk commended members of a federal Drug Enforcement Agency task force responsible for a major drug seizure in the south suburbs during the regular Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday night.

Houk additionally praised the efforts of Oak Lawn officer Dan Foley, who had been assigned to work with the Federal agency for the last several years. A mock-up of a check in the amount of \$1,141,867.29 was presented to the Oak Lawn police dept, symbolizing their share of proceeds received from assets seized from the drug dealers.

The drug bust followed nearly a year of investigation involving two Chicago men who also owned a condo in Oak Lawn. Acting on a tip, the agents recovered 1.5 tons of cocaine with an estimated street value of 6 million dollars from a Chicago warehouse.

The pair were believed to be part of a drug smuggling ring operating out of Mexico and Texas. Houk explained additional funds may be allocated to the Oak Lawn police as a result of the drug arrest, stating an additional 28 million dollars worth of seized assets were still "tied up in the court system."

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved a no-bid purchase of Eye-witness in Car Video Cameras for fifteen police cars. The cost per camera is \$3,629 and the \$54,435 total will be taken from the drug confiscation account. The funds received from

drug-related seizures are restricted to law enforcement uses, such as training and equipment purchases.

The Board also approved the no-bid purchase of four scales for the Traffic Enforcement Division. The scales, costing a total of \$14,000, will be used for evaluating trucks suspected of overweight violations. The funds for the scale purchase will be taken from the traffic grant account.

The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Robert S. Douglas, 10814 S. LeClaire Ave., Oak Lawn, as Village Treasurer.

Douglas, manager of Bank One in Oak Lawn, will replace Blas Olivares, who recently retired.

In addition to his professional banking experience, Douglas served as a volunteer for numerous local charitable organizations, such as the Sertoma, Park Lawn School, as well as the March of Dimes.

The Mayor's Coalition party had initially slated long time supporter J.Q. Mucker for the position, but Mucker declined the post when it was noted his rental of Village-owned property might represent a conflict of interest. Mucker maintains an accounting practice on 95th St. and is currently the Chairman of the Village Planning and Development Committee.

The Board approved a parking lot variation for Mr. Peter Kattos, owner of *Petey's Bungalow*, 4405 W. 95th St.

Trustee Steve Rosenbaum suggested a two year "trial" for the variance, which would substitute a partial wooden fence and landscaping in lieu of a solid masonry wall, as

prescribed by Village ordinance.

Kattos, whose request was approved by the Planning and Development Commission, had previously explained the hybrid barrier would be more cost-effective and aesthetically pleasing. A lengthy wall would, he suggested, create a "billboard" effect and the proposed landscaping would serve as an adequate privacy barrier.

Mr. Gary Scheiner, who owns the adjacent residential property to the west, concurred with Kattos' assessment. It was also noted that other businesses, such as Burger King on 95th St., McDonald's on 104th & Cicero and Jedi's Garden received a variation on the masonry wall requirement.

Trustee Ron Stancik gave a brief status report on the Oak Lawn lake renovation project, explaining the Illinois Department of Natural Resources had stocked the pond with a variety of game fish.

Stancik urged "catch and release" signs be posted to encourage conservation of the fledgling recreational site, which has been a traditional favorite for many youthful anglers.

Historic Geneva, IL

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering a trip to Geneva, IL on Wednesday, May 17.

Transportation will depart from the Palos Hills Golf Course, 7301 W. 105th at 9:00 am and return approximately 5:00 p.

Register now at the Park Department temporary location, 8017 W. 103rd St. Registration deadline is May 3rd. For information call 403-4500.



Pictured left to right, William Goodfellow, Head of Oak Lawn Public Library's Reference Services Department and Commissioner Harry "Bus" Yourell, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.

Centennial View of Oak Lawn

by Annette Dixon

View of the Century series conducted for seven weeks at the Oak Lawn Library, sponsored by Annette Dixon, Village View Publications proudly presented the centennial view of Oak Lawn on February 21st.

Carol Marsh, historian, presented a summary of the "fertile prairies" around the Oak Lawn Area formerly called "Hickory Creek Settlement."

This settlement directly links to the Old Sauk Trail, which was linked from Interstate 30 from the Indiana State Line to the city of Joliet. Ms. Marsh emphasized the importance of Stoney Creek because of its emptying waterway for the I & M Canal.

The earliest mention of Stoney Creek was in the diaries of Marquette and Joliet in 1673, when they were tracing the route of the Mississippi River.

Stoney Creek was also written in history as it was used by hunters and trappers, missionaries and Indians to

ferry supplies and used as a water way.

Stoney Creek was a source of controversy because of the dams flooding farm land and again a source of controversy in the early 20th Century due to polluted water.

Stoney Creek has been a source of controversy even recently when it was discovered that a builder covered over its area in the block of 106th & Central, which flooded many homes. Another area of Stoney Creek, which was recently opened was 111th Street and most recently a barricade blocked Stoney Creek in Alsip and it was founded that the barricade prevented the natural flow of water, therefore, flooding homes on 122nd between Central and Cicero.

Purportedly, Stoney Creek needs to flow freely or it will continue to cause problems for all the suburbs in which the creek flows.

"Black Oak Grove, later called Black Oak became Oak Lawn and was incorporated in 1909.

William Goodfellow, Head

of the Oak Lawn Public Library's Reference Services Department gave a demonstration of the local history portion of the Library's internet home page. This included a sampling of the 2,100 digitized photographs and 150 documents available for viewing, as well as the on-line local newspaper index and full text copies of local government minutes. Those with internet access are encouraged to visit the Library's website at <http://www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us>.

Our last speaker was "Bus" Yourell who spoke about his experiences in Oak Lawn since 1949. He had several restaurants and drive-ins in the early days of Oak Lawn. "Bus" Yourell has a wealth of experience and knowledge

"Bus" Yourell hasn't forgotten Oak Lawn. He remains a resident here and continues to support the south suburban area through his commissioner's positions on the board at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.

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**New law
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Certain World War II veterans who reside outside the U.S. will not be eligible for special benefits as the result of new legislation. The Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 provides bene-

fits, after September 2000, for qualified World War II veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces between September 16, 1940, and July 24, 1947. This includes those persons who were members of the organized military forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines during the time these forces were in the service of the Armed Forces of the United States. To qualify for these special benefits, the veterans must:

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**St. Francis de
Sales mothers
club spring
fashion show**

The St. Francis de Sales High School Mothers' Club will hold their annual Spring fashion show on Sunday, March 19, 2000 at the Dynasty Banquet Hall in the Ramada Inn (formerly the Olympia Plaza Hotel) at 4125-41 Calumet Ave. in Hammond, IN.

The show begins at 11:00 am with a luncheon and will feature St. Francis de Sales students and teachers as models, along with several members of the Mothers Club. Male and female fashions will be modeled.

There will be also a raffle conducted in conjunction with the fashion show. The first prize will be a Digital Video Player (DVD). The second prize is a Ramada Inn Whirlpool Suite which includes a gift basket, bottle of Champagne, Dinner for two at the Empress Buffet and a Continental Breakfast. The third prize will be a Mystery gift.

Tickets for the raffle are \$1 may also be obtained through the school, at the main desk, 10155 South Ewing, in Chicago.

The luncheon tickets are \$25.00 and can be obtained by calling the school at 773-731-7272 extension 23 or through Email: sfdsl@aol.com



Pictured left to right are Emil Ramler, Andy Strandberg, Marcus Troedsson, Fredrik Larsson getting ready to play hockey at the Oak Lawn Park District Ice Arena.

**International hockey brings
spirit of Chicago**

by Annette Dixon

Robert Krolak, resident of Oak Lawn annually brings a group of boys from Denmark, Sweden and other countries into the United States on an exchange visit.

This year members of two teams from Sweden stayed with host families of Oak Lawn and neighboring suburbs, while their chaperones, parents, stayed at Oak Lawn Holiday Inn.

The boys practised at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena several times and on February 24th, played Marist Hockey Team and Brother Rice Varsity Team, which they defeated. "It was quite obvious to know which boys were from Sweden, even with their gear on," said Linda Stearns.

It all started for Oak Lawn resident, Linda Stearns, when she saw a news release in a community newspaper. She contacted Bob Krolak and mentioned to him that her references were host families in the past by the names of Delbert Swanson and Marty Larsen.

Although she has Multiple Sclerosis, she wondered if she would be accepted as a host family.

Bob came to her home to qualify her home to be accepted for three additional inhabitants. Bob liked Linda immediately, and was expecting her to be in a wheelchair from her description of her disability.

He knew that she had a vibrant, busy, home with a young adult named Charlie and a teenager from Oak Lawn High School, named Gail. Bob knew the boys

would enjoy being in this home.

The three boys arrived from Helsingborg, Sweden with their teammates and immediately met their host families. The three boys that stayed with the Stearns residents were Andy Strandberg, Marcus Troedsson and Fredrik Larsson. The fourth one came to stay two days before departure so that they would be able to enjoy a Sweet 16 birthday party.

Karen Ermel, a Bridgeview resident and student of Queen of Peace High School had a surprise party given by Gail Stearns.

The boys were asked, what they enjoyed most about staying in the Stearns home. **UNLIKE THE AMERICAN BOYS**, they said, "they enjoyed seeing the electronic home."

Ben Skora, a resident of Palos Hills opened his home for visitation to the boys from Helsingborg, Sweden to show them his mechanical robot and his entire electronic home.

**St. Francis de
Sales pioneer
class of 1980
prepares for
20th reunion**

St. Francis de Sales High School is pleased to announce the 20-year reunion of the Pioneer Class of 1980. The reunion is planned for Friday evening, November 24, contact St. Francis de Sales High School at 773-731-7272 ext. 23 or by E-mail: sfdsl@aol.com

TREASURERS OF THE HEART

by Rae

I am getting old now and as I look back over the years the things that use to matter to me have no value now. The car, the clothes, the jewelry, they do not comfort me. What comforts me today are the treasures that I hold in my heart.

Drawings and papers of my sons when they were young and all the silly things they said and have done.

My dogs and cats that share my life, how I love them day and night.

Loved ones who have come and gone like pressed flowers that linger on.

My God who always speaks to me through the people that he sends to me.

These are the gold of gold and the silver of silver, for memories can never be taken away.

They live in your heart day after day. They never get weary, they never grow old. They comfort me as I grow old.

For these are the treasures of the heart, beautiful memories I hold in my heart.

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The Oak Lawn Public Library on-line catalog now has a new web address on the Internet (<http://swan.sis.lib.il.us>). This site enable patrons to access the collections of 75 libraries in the Suburban Library System from their home or office. Internet users may also access the on-line catalog through the Oak Lawn Public Library web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us).

O'Malley legislation empowers locals to fix railroad problems

Mayors in 2 south and southwest suburban communities will be further empowered to address railroad crossing problems and congestion, under legislation sponsored by State Sen. Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) and approved by the Illinois Senate.

Senate Bill 1577 creates the Southwest Suburban Railroad Redevelopment Authority. The Authority members will work to find ways and means to rehabilitate and redevelop railroad facilities within the area.

"The location and poor condition of many railroad grade crossings, and the fact that many of them are chronically blocked, are a real threat to the health and safety of motorists and pedestrians in the southwest metropolitan region," O'Malley said. "Establishing the Southwest Suburban Railroad Redevelopment Authority allows local officials to play a more integral role in addressing these problems."

The Southwest Suburban Railroad Redevelopment Authority will include, the mayors, or their designees, of Alsip, Bedford Park, Blue Island, Bridgeview, Burbank, Chicago Ridge, Crestwood,

Dixmoor, Dolton, Evergreen Park, Harvey, Merriam Park, Midlothian, Oak Forest, Oak Lawn, Orland Park, Palos Heights, Palos Park, Posen, Riverdale, Tinley Park and Worth.

The 18th District Senator says railroad officials advised him that it takes roughly 150 hours on average to move a freight train from New York City to Los Angeles, and approximately 70 hours are spent in the Chicago Switching area.

"These officials have advised us it will cost at least \$1 billion to make the necessary improvements to address the 'Chicago problem,' and there are potentially billions of dollars in available federal and state resources," O'Malley said. "Because the 'Chicago problem' is a national one, they are working to build support among Congressional delegations outside Illinois to effect a federal solution."

The Association of American Railroads have also commissioned an infrastructure improvement study to consider management process changes and evaluate infrastructure projects within the Chicago switching area. The study is

to be completed by Dec. 31, 2000.

"It is important that the Southwest Suburban Railroad Redevelopment Authority be at the table with the railroads and other interests when decisions are made about prioritizing and implementing the recommendations from this study," O'Malley said.

The Authority is also to determine if certain development opportunities may exist in the project area that would stabilize and enhance the tax base of existing communities, maintain and revitalize existing commerce and industry, and promote comprehensive planning within and between communities.

"Interest in Senate Bill 1577 has skyrocketed since this legislation was first introduced on Jan. 27. Initially five communities were included; now we have the interest and participation of 22. At this time, with this legislation, we have a great opportunity to unite together and find solutions to the rail congestion problem plaguing our area," O'Malley said.

Senate Bill 1577 now moves to the House of Representatives for further consideration.



Maria student receives prestigious honor

Senior Patricia Loverde was chosen to represent Maria High School at the Eighth Annual Willye White Winners' Dinner. Willye White, five time Olympian and the Willye White Foundation Board of Directors honored Chicago's outstanding female athletes from 89 of Chicago's public, parochial and private high schools on February 7, 2000 in the Grand ballroom of the Chicago Hyatt Regency. The criteria for selection includes at least a 2.0 GPA, at least an 86% attendance rate and one year of interscholastic team sports participation. The athlete must exhibit good sportsmanship, have a positive mental attitude and be highly motivated. Patricia was elected because of her hard work, dedication and enthusiasm. Patricia, pictured below, lives in Garfield Ridge and graduated from St. Daniel The Prophet Grammar School.

Upcoming trips

Burbank Park District is hosting two upcoming trips that will prove to be a lot of fun for all adults:

Lady Luck Casino on Thursday, March 9

Try your luck at the big boat in Iowa. You will experience hours of exciting gaming action while playing slots, blackjack, roulette and many other fun games. Your day will include half off lunch buffet, 2 gaming sessions and motorcoach transportation.

Phil Smidt's & Showboat Casino on Wednesday, April 12

A nationally acclaimed and favorite dining tradition comes together with Showboat casino to bring the very best in fun, food and excitement. You will enjoy

lunch, 2 gaming sessions and motorcoach transportation for a fee of \$23 with a \$5 cash back bonus.

For more information, please call (708) 599-2070 Monday 9:00-5:00p.m. and Saturday 9:00-Noon.

Cesario named Stickney township clerk

Ettore (Hector) Cesario has been named Stickney Township clerk. Cesario was appointed to the post by the Stickney Township Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy created when Edward Wadas retired last month after serving in the post for 37 years.

Cesario, a psychologist in the Chicago Public School system, has been a township trustee for 15 years. He has lived in Burbank for 29 years and he and his wife, Mary, have four children, Maria, 10, Angela, 9, Michael, 7 and Gina.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school office at (708) 424-7757 between the hours of 9:00 - 2:00 during the school week.

St. Albert the Great School is located at 5535 West State Road, Burbank.

When you are in Rome live in the Roman style; when you are elsewhere live as they live elsewhere.

—St. Ambrose, advice to St. Augustine

A member of St. Albert the Great church, Cesario graduated from Purdue university with a master's degree in science. He is a registered Illinois social worker and accredited school psychologist. He is a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus and also a member of the Township Officials of Cook County and the Illinois School Psychologist Association.

"I feel highly honored that my fellow board members have elected me to this post and I am especially grateful

to Lou Viverito, who I have known and worked with for 23 years, for giving me the opportunity to participate in township government," said Cesario. "I will do my best to serve the taxpayers in every way that I can."

"We are very fortunate to have a man of Hector's ability and experience on the board," said Viverito. "His selection was a very obvious and wise choice."

Wadas remains on the board as a trustee, having been named to fill Cesario's unexpired term in that position.

Viverito appointed to Illinois council

Senate Minority Leader Emil Jones, Jr. announced today that he has appointed State Senator Louis S. Viverito (D-Burbank) to the Illinois Council on Aging. The Illinois Council on Aging is an advisory body for the state's Department on Aging.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to play a more active role in helping Illinois Seniors," Senator Viverito said. "I believe my commitment to senior citizens will give the council a valuable perspective. I look forward to working with the council and ensuring that the quality of life for our seniors continues long into the future."

With 23 citizen members appointed by the Governor and 8 legislative members appointed by the General Assembly leadership, the 31-member Council makes recommendations to the Department on Aging, the Governor and the General Assembly regarding programs and services for older Illinoisans. Sena-

tor Viverito replaces retired State Senator Arthur Berman

Senator Viverito has been an active supporter of senior issues. Last year he sponsored legislation that expanded the Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption Property Tax Freeze. His measure, which was enacted last spring, increases the qualified annual income threshold from \$35,000 to \$40,000. He has recently sponsored legislation that would provide funding for home delivered meals to Illinois Seniors.

"I am anxious to continue my work for Illinois Seniors as a member of the Council," Senator Viverito stated.

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School registration

If you are new to the area, or if you are still undecided about school placement for your child/children for the 2000-2001 school year, you are invited to consider enrolling your child in our parish school. We have an understanding academic program, including computer and physical education for Kindergarten through 8th grade, and we also offer a 3 and 4 year old preschool program. Extended Day service, from 6:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M., is available at an additional cost to any child enrolled in our school.

St. Albert the Great School in Burbank will be holding registration for new preschool, Kindergarten, 1st grade, and all new students in other grades, on Sunday, March 12, 2000, from 10:00 A.M. until 12:00 noon. If you are interested in registering your child for the 2000-2001 school year, please bring the following with you at that time.

1. Birth Certificate - with birth number in top right corner (Call 492-2000 if the number is missing) (Hospital certificates cannot be accepted).
2. Baptismal Certificate
3. Social Security Number
4. \$35.00 Registration Fee (non-refundable)

Original certificates will be copies and returned to you at the time of registration.

Age requirements are as follows (No Exceptions):

PRESCHOOL (3 & 4 year old program) Child must be 3 or 4 years old (respectively on or before September 1, 2000 in order to be admitted to the program. (Born by Sept. 1, 1997 or Sept. 1, 1996)

KINDERGARTEN Child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2000 in order to be admitted to Kindergarten. (Born by Sept. 1, 1995)



NumAstrology & Your Month Ahead

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March 2000... Psychic Predictions For All Signs For All Signs. I use NumAstrology [combining Numerology with Astrology... Plus my Psychic Insight]. Initials can be first or last names of people.

For those born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Oops! You should have been paying attention. You are on a winning streak now, and should not ignore numbers that come up in your dreams, or seem to attract you. F and P aid. A surprise is a happy one.

For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Be involved. Do not shut people out of your life because you think you can go it alone. No man [or woman or child] is an island. We all need help from time to time. Remember, there are no mistakes, only results, and we make them with the influence of other people. B and someone in the sign of Leo aid.

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: "Memories never lose their Emotions." You will realize this all week long as people remind you of your short comings, your past failures, etc. Tell them, "yes, but look what I've learned from them, what have you learned from yours?" C aids.

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: When in doubt, stand still, think Silver, and then do what your mind says to do at that very moment. This is a must for this week, otherwise, there can be confusion after confusion. Don't let this happen. B helps if asked and an F too.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: It is time you did some serious changing. You need to know where you are going in this life, and who is going to be there with you. You have been on a very short leash! Go for new ways to do what needs doing. You Can Do-when you Want To!

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Discussions with people who care what is going on, what is happening in this world and in their relationship with you! This is a great time to make plans to travel with them. M and H help.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Someone says, "I tell you this for your own good!" Sometimes this is just "telling you off." Be aware that some people are edgy or nervous, and it's the 1st man up theory...you just happen to be there at the time. W and J involved and Cancer born folks.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Darned if you don't and darned if you do! Is this how you have been looking at what is happening this week? If you want to do something do it...if you don't, then don't do it. Life is simple, we make it difficult with our expectations of ourselves.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: A stranger seems to have the answers you are looking for. Why not listen? This can happen at the coffee shop or some store. You seem to be glowing a special light that attracts what and whom you need to you. Check out those Scorpio's. They are checking you out! This can spell l-o-v-e for you soon.

I do Psychic Services on a one-on-one basis, by phone or in my office, and most can be taped for your later recall. Call 708-636-4578 for information for appts. **HOUSE PARTIES** are available [for 7-11 people, and by special arrangement, larger groups]. For a FREE brochure of Services & Tapes, call, or write to P.O. Box 802, Oak Lawn IL 60454. My **JM HOTLINE** is for immediate answers [not taped]. NumAstrology Profiles contain everything one needs to know about themselves...e.g. Sexuality, Karma, Love life, Health, Compatibility's, Careers, and information about their Birthday Angel. Call 1-900-378-8388 ext 3230 to find out about your love-life...it's about compatibility's. [\$2.99 per min. Must be 18yrs. Touch-tone phone required. Serv-u#619-454-8434] My website is at <http://jackimari-online.com> You'll be surprised!

Jacki Mari & Allyn

Taking the "bait" out of rebates

Rebate offers can be irresistible to consumers, slashing the price of consumer goods at the time of purchase or promising partial or full reimbursements after the purchase.

Some manufacturers and retailers entice shoppers with instant cash rebates that can be redeemed immediately at the checkout counter.

But most rebates are of the mail-in variety. They require consumers to pay the full cost of an item at the time of purchase, then to send documentation to the manufacturer or retailer to receive a rebate by mail.

The documentation required generally includes the original sales receipt, UPC code, rebate slip and

the customer's name, address and telephone number. In most cases, this paperwork must be sent to the manufacturer or retailer within 30 days of the purchase. Consumers generally receive their rebates up to 12 weeks later.

But the Federal Trade Commission cautions consumers against being "baited" by rebates that never arrive or arrive far later than promised. By law, companies are required to send rebates within the time frame promised, or if no time is specified, within 30 days.

When purchasing a product that offers a rebate, the FTC encourages consumers to:

- ✓ Follow the instructions on the rebate form and enclose all required documentation in the envelope when filing for a rebate.
- ✓ Make a copy of all paperwork to be mailed when applying for a rebate. It's the only

record a consumer will have of the transaction if anything goes wrong.

- ✓ Contact the company if the rebate doesn't arrive within the time promised.

If the rebate never arrives or arrives late, file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission, the state Attorney General or the local Better Business Bureau. Call the FTC's Consumer Response Center helpline toll-free at 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357) or write: Consumer Response Center, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Consumers also may file a complaint online at www.ftc.gov. Click on "Complaint Form."



Titanic

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A passageway lamp from Titanic
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Titanic docks at Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago

The world's largest collection of Titanic artifacts recovered from the ocean floor

CHICAGO - They saw it for the last time on that tragic night in April 1912. Now, on February 18, 2000, you can see it for the first time when the Museum of

Science and Industry, Chicago, with RMS Titanic, Inc. and SFX Family Entertainment, launch a one-of-a-kind Titanic exhibit.

Titanic: The Exhibition presents the history, science and drama of the ship, featuring actual artifacts, recreations of rooms, immersive interactives and interpretations by characters in period costume. The enormous exhibition takes up two of the Museum's galleries - a total of 25,000 square feet.

More than 200 artifacts from Titanic's wreckage are featured in the exhibit, including a selection of White Star Line dishware, a handwritten letter and one of the ship's portholes. The largest piece on display is a 13-ton portion of Titanic's hull. Measuring 13 by 20 feet, it is the largest piece of Titanic that will, in all likelihood, ever be recovered from the wreckage.

Guests can relive the history and drama of Titanic by viewing recreated rooms on board the ship including an elegant first-class cabin, the engine room and the grand staircase. Unforgettable stories are told as guests encounter the memorial section and learn the fate of passengers and crew.

The science behind the discovery of Titanic is illustrated through cutting-edge technology used to explore the ship's wreckage via the Nautilus and Alvin submersibles. In the exhibit's conservation lab Museum staff will demonstrate tech-

niques used to restore artifacts recovered from the bottom of the ocean. Guests also will learn about the sinking of the Eastland, Chicago's worst disaster that killed more than 800 people, and its connection to the sinking of Titanic.

The Museum of Science and Industry will display **Titanic: The Exhibition** from February 18 to September 4, 2000. For information or to purchase advance tickets call (773) 684-1414, Ext. 2500.

Special thanks to our sponsors: Chicago Sun-Times, Jewel-Osco, Pepsi-Cola General Bottlers, Inc., Windy 100 and WLS-TV.

Named one of the 15 great museums in the world by LIFE Magazine, the Museum of Science and Industry invites guests to experience a wonderland of interactive exhibits and extraordinary artifacts relating to science, technology and industry. Located at 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive, the Museum is open every day of the year except Christmas Day. From Labor Day through Memorial Day, hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekends and holidays. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. everyday. For more information or to plan a visit to the Museum of Science and Industry, call (773) 684-1414 or 1-800-GO TO MSI (1-800-468-6674). Information can also be found on the Museum's Web Site at www.msichicago.org.



Marge Wilke
Marketing Consultant

SSSBA announces appointment of marketing and development director

February 12, 2000—Eugene Varnado, Chairman, and the Board of Directors of the South Suburban Small Business Association have announced the appointment of Marge Wilke, Marketing Consultant, as Marketing and Development Director for the Association.

The initial focus for Wilke will be to establish a central office for the associ-

ation, secure and train staff. Emphasis will then be placed upon the development and implementation of programs to serve small businesses throughout the service area and increase membership.

For more than three years, Ms. Wilke has provided marketing consulting services to small businesses in the Chicago Metropolitan area, and has been active in various business organizations. In addition to participation with the SSSBA, she is a Past President of the Orland Park Area Chamber and Past President of the Future Visions Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. Wilke has also presented marketing workshops at UIC Biotech Network, Border's in Orland Park, Palos-Orland Business & Professional Women's Club, Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Hazel Crest.

According to Varnado, "Ms. Wilke, with her expertise and understanding of building a small business, will add a new dimension to assist the organization's growth through innovative services and programs."

Dear Editor

Dear Editor:

According to the Rev. Michael M. Boland, administrator, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago the Pro-Life position, espoused by the Catholic Church is essentially a position of compassion. It stems from the basic tenet that all human life is sacred and precious.

Recently, Christ Hospital's policy on abortion triggered an outcry from the community when it was revealed that the hospital was performing abortions on babies with abnormalities such as Down syndrome and Spina Bifida.

I am appalled by the lack of compassion shown by Christ Hospital's Auxiliary Board President and Governing Board member Patricia Vlasis.

A recent article in one of the local papers said that you are the President of Christ Hospitals Auxiliary Board and a member of the Governing Board.

I can't believe that anyone who truly believes in the sanctity of human life would tolerate such horrible procedures. And now you want our families, to trust you to make laws for us? I don't think so.

Cathy Coletta

St. Rita all-school reunion

Calling all classmates that ever attended St. Rita Grammar School! There will be an All-School Reunion and Mass on Saturday, July 8, 2000 at St. Rita High School, 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL. Mass begins at 4:00 pm in the school chapel, followed by a reunion at the high school, from 5:00 pm until midnight. Please call St. Rita Parish Rectory (773)434-9600, Ext. 37, and leave your name, address, phone, and graduation year. We will mail your ticket information and additional details.



Mayor Dean Koldenhoven
Palos Heights

Rest Haven residents featured in book

Residents of Rest Haven Central celebrate the publication of the book "From Age to Youth." Students of Trinity Christian College, as part of an advanced writing class, interviewed several of the residents. The book is a collection of memories of conversations between the residents and Trinity students. Mayor Dean Koldenhoven was present at the reception to congratulate the students and the residents for their accomplishment.

Rest Haven Central is a not-for-profit nursing and rehabilitation center located at 13259 S. Central Avenue. For more information regarding services offered, or to schedule a tour, contact John Evers, Community Relations Coordinator at 708-239-4911. You may also visit their web site at: www.resthaven.com



Ray Coffey honored by M.W.R.D.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, recently honored feature columnist Ray Coffey, of the Chicago Sun-Times, in honor of his retirement.

Some of Coffey's accomplishments over the years has been as a Washington Bureau Chief.

O'Malley legislation expands property tax relief for veterans

Allowing more Illinois veterans to qualify for property tax relief is the aim of legislation sponsored by State Sen. Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park).

Suggested by Cook County Commissioner Bill Moran, Senate Bill 1307 excludes veterans benefits from the calculation of allowable household income for eligible property taxpayers seeking the Senior Citizens Assessment

columnist with the Chicago Sun-Times and Chicago Tribune, on two occasions he was a war correspondent in Vietnam, and at one time was the Editorial Director of the Chicago Sun-Times.

Commissioner Terrence O'Brien, who is president of the M.W.R.D., in presenting the award to Coffey, stated, "Raymond Coffey is one of the most respected journalists not only in the Chicago area, but all over the country. It is with great honor and

respect that we, here at the District, are proud to present this resolution to a great American and noted columnist."

Commissioner Gloria Majewski, chairman of the Finance Committee, was the District official who presented the resolution to the Board of Commissioners.

Pictured from the left is Commissioner Majewski, Ray Coffey, and President O'Brien.

Freeze Homestead Exemption.

"Freezing the assessment on a home helps control the skyrocketing increases of property taxes," O'Malley said. "To qualify for this program, a property taxpayer must be at least 65 years old and have a total household income of \$40,000 or less. That income limit should not be determined by the

disability benefits a person receives for service to his or her country."

Senate Bill 1307, was approved by the Senate Feb. 24 and now moves to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

Palos Women's club announces meeting

The Palos-Orland Business and Professional Women's Club cordially invites all women to attend its March Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, March 14th at Mama Vesuvio East, 6861 College Drive, Palos Heights, IL at 6:30 p.m. (dinner) with a 7:30 p.m. presentation. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

Guest Speaker and BPW member, Jacqui Guerra, will present her topic "Women and Money". Jacqui, a professional financial analyst for Primerica, a member of Citigroup, will discuss dealing with issues women face such as personal finances, budgeting, getting out of debt and planning for the future, whether it's your child's college education or your own retirement. Come and join us. Guests are welcome!

Reservations for dinner can be made by calling Miriam Wallace at 708/598-6866; for membership information call Carole Valentino at 708/974-1102.

FOP Lodge 7 announces fundraiser

President William Nolan, Fraternal Order of Police Chicago Lodge #7, has announced that Tony Kelliher, the famous Irish vocalist from Tralee, County Kerry, will appear in Chicago, Saturday, March 11.

The ticket price of \$15.00 includes entertainment and refreshments, with all profits going toward the Memorial Monument Fund.

For ticket reservations please call the Fraternal Order of Police Headquarters, 312-733-7776.



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IRISH COFFEE

1 jigger Irish whiskey (1 1/2 ounces)
1 to 2 teaspoons sugar
Hot strong coffee
Whipped cream

Pour whiskey into serving glass or mug. Add sugar, stir to dissolve. Fill glass with hot coffee. Top with whipped cream. Makes 1 serving.

IRISH SODA BREAD

3 cups all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup dried currants
1 teaspoon caraway seed
1 1/2 cups buttermilk

In a large bowl stir together the flour, brown sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and 1 teaspoon salt. Stir in the currants and caraway seed. Add buttermilk; stir till the dry ingredients are moistened. Turn into a greased 8 x 11 1/2 inch round baking pan. Bake at 350° till browned, about 40 minutes. Cool 10 minutes in pan. Remove from pan and cool thoroughly. Makes 1 loaf.

Irish immigrants driven from their land by the potato famine, brought us Irish Soda Bread. Because there was a shortage of wood for fuel in Ireland, this bread was traditionally baked over a smoldering open peat fire.

In America the recipe was changed slightly so it could be baked in an oven.

COLCANNON

6 medium potatoes, peeled and quartered
4 cups shredded cabbage
1 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1/2 to 3/4 cup milk
1 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon snipped parsley

Cook potatoes in large amount of boiling salted water till tender, about 20 minutes. Drain. Meanwhile cook cabbage and onions together in small amount of boiling salted water for 15 minutes, drain. Mash potatoes using electric mixer. Beat in butter and as much milk as necessary to make fluffy. Add salt and pepper. Stir in cabbage and onion. Top with parsley. Serves 6.

Good Friday

HOT CROSS BUNS

Hot Cross Buns had their earliest beginnings in Greek and Roman times. These currant-filled buns served as a symbol of the sun, bisected by a cross into four seasons.

Later in history these buns with their cross became associated with Easter and were formerly sold only on Good Friday. Now you need not wait for the holiday. Thanks to the English who brought this recipe to the United States, they can be enjoyed anytime.

3 1/2 to 4 cups all-purpose flour

2 packages active dry yeast
1/2 to 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3/4 cup milk
1/2 cup cooking oil
1/3 cup granulated sugar
3/4 teaspoon salt
3 eggs
2/3 cup dried currants
1 slightly beaten egg white

In a mixing bowl combine 2 cups of the flour, yeast, and cinnamon. In saucepan heat milk, oil, sugar, and salt till warm (115-120°). Add to dry ingredients in mixing bowl; add eggs. Beat at low speed of electric mixer for 1/2 minute, scraping sides of bowl constantly. Beat 3 minutes at high speed. By hand, stir in currants and enough of the remaining flour to make a soft dough. Shape dough into a ball.

Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease the surface. Cover, let rise in a warm place till double (about 1 1/2 hours). Punch dough down. Cover; let rest 10 minutes. Divide dough into 18 pieces; form into balls. Place on greased baking sheet 1 1/2 inches apart. Cover; let rise till double (30 to 45 minutes). Cut a shallow cross on the top of each bun; brush tops with egg white (reserve any remaining egg whites). Bake at 375° for 12 to 15 minutes. Using a pastry tube, pipe on crosses with Frosting. Makes 18 buns.

Frosting: Stir together 1 1/2 cups sifted powdered sugar, 1/4 teaspoon vanilla, dash salt, and reserved egg white till smooth. Add

milk, if necessary, to make of piping consistency.

LAMB STEW

1 1/2 pounds boneless lamb, cut in 1-inch cubes
1 clove garlic, minced
4 medium carrots, cut in 2-inch lengths
6 tiny onions
3 small potatoes, pared, cubed
1/2 teaspoon dried basil, crushed
1 10-ounce package frozen peas
2 tablespoons snipped parsley

Coat meat with flour. In large saucepan, brown meat in small amount hot shortening. Add 3 cups water, garlic, 2 teaspoons salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Cover; simmer 1 hour, or till meat is almost tender. Add carrots, onions, potatoes and basil; cook, uncovered, 20 minutes, or till done. Add peas and parsley. Cook 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Serves 6.

BARBECUED LAMB RIBLETS

In large skillet, brown 3 to 4 pounds lamb riblets, cut in serving pieces. Skim off fat. Season with salt and

pepper; top with slices of 1 lemon. Combine 3/4 cup catsup, 3/4 cup water, 1/8 cup chopped onion, 8 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce, 2 tablespoons brown sugar, 1 tablespoon vinegar, 3/4 teaspoon salt, and dash bottled hot pepper sauce; pour over meat. Cover and simmer 1



1/2 hours, or until meat is tender. Skim off fat. Makes 6 servings.

HERBED LAMB SHANKS

In large skillet, brown 4 lamb shanks (about 2 1/2 pounds) in 1 tablespoon butter. Add 1 1/2 cups water and 1 teaspoon salt. Cover skillet tightly; cook over low heat for 1 hour. In small skillet, melt 2 tablespoons butter; blend in 1/4 cup all-purpose flour. Cook and stir over low heat till mixture is browned. Add to meat; cook and stir till gravy is thickened.

Add 1/2 cup water, 1 tablespoon snipped parsley, 1 clove garlic, minced, 1/8 teaspoon dry marjoram,

crushed and dash of ground mace. Cover and cook about 1 hour or more till meat is tender. Serve on hot cooked noodles. Spoon on a little gravy; pass remaining. Makes 4 servings.

Cook's Tips:

• Fresh or frozen (thawed) peaches can be substituted for the nectarines.

• Leftover granola mixture can be stored tightly covered up to one week. Use as a topping for low-fat or nonfat yogurt or fresh fruit.

• Crystallized ginger provides optimum ginger flavor for this granola. If omitted, increase ground ginger to 1 tablespoon.

Heart of winter food festival

Cuisines restaurant in the Renaissance Chicago Hotel, One West Wacker Drive, proudly introduces its *Heart of Winter Food Festival*, a special seasonal menu of comforting dishes from Northern Italy and the Mediterranean.

Created by Chef Michael Reich, the *Heart of Winter* menu, for lunch and dinner, begins with flavorful appetizers including:

* *Crispy Duck Spring Roll;*
* *Mesquite Grilled Rabbit Loin, Toasted Chestnuts with Pomegranate Vinaigrette; and*
* *Braised Artichoke and*

wild Mushrooms, Pan-cetta and Shaved Truffles.

Two hearty soups are offered:

* *Roasted Carrot Soup with Toasted Almonds and Cilantro and*
* *Potato and Fennel Soup with Italian Sausage and Saffron.*

The delicious journey continues with tempting entrees of:

* *Tuscan Style Grilled Baby Chicken with Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Cipolline*

Onions and Green Olives;

* *Horseradish Crusted Atlantic Salmon with Chive Mashed Potatoes;*
* *Mediterranean Mixed Grill of Quail, Venison & Lamb;*
* *Vegetarian Bolognese Olive Crostini; and*
* *Ossobuco Milanese Saffron Risotto.*

Completing the menu is:

* *Chocolate Bread Pudding with Bourbon Caramel Sauce;*
* *Granny Smith Apple Pie and Cinnamon Ice Cream; and*

* *Chocolate and Wild Berry Pizza.*

For more information or to make reservations, call, (312) 795-3330.

Also, the Renaissance Chicago Hotel's Great Street Restaurant and Bar offers a special pre-theater and concert dinner menu for the 2000 season at a special price of \$22 per person, when diners present tickets on the day of the performance. For more information on Great Street's new theater menu or to make reservations, call the restaurant at (312) 795-3333.

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Business partner wives-file your own schedule SE

By: Rosalie Thompson
Social Security District Office Manager

Do you own and operate a business with your husband? If so, make sure **you** file a separate self-employment return (Schedule SE) with the Internal Revenue Service even though you and your husband file a joint income tax return.

If you don't file a separate Schedule SE, all the earnings from the business will automatically be reported under your husband's Social Security number. In that case, your Social Security record won't show your earnings

and you may not receive Social Security credits for your part of the business income. This could affect the amount of Social Security benefits you or your family members may be eligible to receive on your own earnings record.

For more information, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, and ask for the brochure, If You're Self-Employed. It is also available on the Internet at www.ssa.gov.

Q. I only work part time. Do I qualify for Social Security?

A. Part-time work counts for Social Security benefits. To qualify for benefits, you must earn Social Security credits. This year, you earn one credit for each \$780 of earnings, up to a maximum of four credits per year. When you earn 40 credits, you're fully covered for Social Security benefits.

Q. I heard that the Social Security retirement age is increasing. Is

this true and if so, why?

A. Yes, it's true. When Social Security was just getting started back in 1935, the average American's life expectancy was just under age 60. Today it's more than 25 percent longer at just over 76. That means workers have more time for retirement, and more time to collect Social Security.

And that's why Social Security's retirement age is gradually changing...to keep pace with increases in longevity. A worker retiring today still needs to be age 65 to collect full benefits, but by 2027, workers will have to be age 67 for full retirement benefits.



CRAFTERS WANTED:

St. Bede Women's Guild is looking for Crafters for its **Spring Craft Show** to be held on Saturday, April 1, 2000.

Prices is \$25 for a 9' x 5' space.
Call Winnie (773) 585-3389 or Mary (773) 581-3138.
St. Bede Church Hall
83rd Street & Kostur Ave., Chicago

Governor awards \$960,834 for plugging and restoration of abandoned oil and gas wells

Governor George H. Ryan today released \$960,834 in Illinois FIRST funding to plug 48 abandoned oil and gas wells in Clinton and Lawrence counties and to clean up and restore a waste crude oil site in Saline County.

"Projects like these help solve a major environmental and safety concern in the oil fields of downstate Illinois," Ryan said. "Farm land and groundwater can be polluted unless abandoned wells are plugged and oil pits are restored properly."

The agency also administers a grant program through which landowners are reimbursed for plugging abandoned oil and gas well on their property.

For more information on the Plugging and Restoration and landowner grant programs, contact Duane Pullam, IDNR Office of Mines and Minerals, 524 South Second St., Springfield, IL 62701-1787, phone 217/782-7756.

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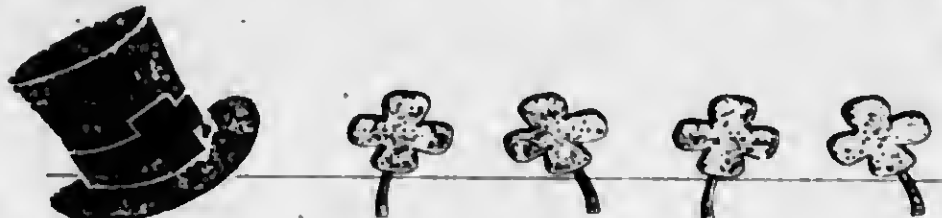
- Chris Brown (Saline County), \$162,834. Contractor will clean up and restore waste crude oil pit near Eldorado.
- Bangert Casing Pulling Corp. (Clinton County),

\$125,000. Contractor will plus nine abandoned wells near Bartelso and 15 abandoned wells near Richview.

- Cross Oil and Well Service, Inc. (Lawrence County), \$125,000. Contractor will plug 24 abandoned wells near Lawrenceville.

- Bangert Casing Pulling Corp. (Crawford County), \$275,000. Contractor will plus 75 abandoned wells near Oblong.

- Bangert Casing Pulling Corp. (Crawford County), \$273,000. Contractor will plug 75 oil wells near Bellair.



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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By Kathy Whirity

Long distance revelations

My sister Alice and I have a long distance relationship. We have no choice since she moved to Wyoming a few years ago. We learned the hard way, that picking up the phone every time we wanted to share a thought, was providing Ma Bell with visions of green, while making my husband Bill see red, as he pointed out that for all the long distance bills we could've afforded a luxurious vacation in Wyoming, talking to her in person. I got the point.

Now we fill endless pages of stationary with what's new and on occasion she'll remind me, at great length, of how lucky I am to have shared the last 23 years of my married life to my wonderful husband Bill. It's true that if they handed out medals for being easy going, Bill would get the award for husband of the year. When it comes to having patience, I admit I'm a few hollers shy of serenity, but our marriage works because we both have learned to accept and appreciate the others' good intentions.

I've suffered through a few of Bills' good intentions, like the back porch he built completely from scratch, that gave new meaning to the concept that

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not all men are created to be carpenters.

About a dozen years ago, I actually believed him when he assured me that a 4 ft. pool in our back yard would be relaxing and convenient. What I forgot to ask him was - for who? It seemed like every kid in the neighborhood this side of Lake Michigan was enjoying the fun of splashing the summer away in our pool, while their moms relaxed in the quiet convenience of not having to deal with cranky kids.

Okay, so he's also had his share of dealing with my bright ideas as well.

We are dog lovers by nature, but when the girls were very small, I convinced him that maybe we should expose them to a different kind of family pet, let's say a cat. He didn't mind when I brought home not one, but TWO darling little female kittens - one for each girl, of course. Heck, he didn't even get mad when, one summer's night, the noise mysteriously coming from the back of the front closet turned out to be a litter of eight tiny kitties. That's when we found out the hard way that Clarabell was really a Clarence. The girls shed a few tears when Bill informed them that the kittens could definitely NOT stay. (A father does have his limits).

We both, at times, have had to take each other's grand ideas in stride - but what's important is the sup-

port our love for each other has afforded us.

For any marriage to work successfully, it needs compassion, caring and a whole lot of compromise.

Or as my sister recently stated at the end of her last long distance letter, "Behind every happily married woman is a husband who knows when to say YES!!"

Make mine rare

And we're not talking steak.

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We're talking a selection of the only camera-ready pages to a book praised by literary experts who have taught at Oxford, Cambridge, University of Chicago, NYU, Columbia, Rice, Berkley, University of Iowa, Princeton, Duke, Harvard, Sorbonne Nouvelle, and more on display at the Clearing branch (63rd Place and Narragansett) of the Chicago Public Library for all of this March.

The book is The Heart of Tents by Steven Vita who is in Who's Who in the World 2000 with the important people in over 215 nations and territories with the likes of the Pope to the president of France to Hollywood movers and shakers.

Sir Stephen Spender who first published W.H. Auden and whose own poetry was brought to the literary public by T.S. Eliot utilizes this word for Steven Vita's abilities as poet: "gifted."

And to get a sense of the subjects of the poetry in The Heart of Tents by Steven Vita, consider these critiques by literary experts.



Steven Vita

Valeria Finucci of Duke University analyzes, "Steven Vita rewards his readers with a lively, pungent and yet romantic new poetry. His love poems suggest a remarkable depth of feelings and evoke dreamy landscapes. I especially liked the originality of 'Chicago' and the lightness of 'Brave.'"

St. Mary star of the sea on track singles news

The St. Mary Star of the Sea On Track Singles will hold a general meeting on Monday, April 3rd, in Duggan Hall, at 6435 S. Kilbourn Ave. in Chicago. The meeting will start at 7:30 P.M. The group is open to ALL single men and women, age 21 and older. For more information about membership, or to receive a free newsletter, call Lucy at 773-778-8239 or John at 773-585-8242.

Literary critic John Shoptaw of Princeton University analyzes, "Steven Vita writes a poetry of the magic moment, a time of clarity and beauty on the thresholds of ordinary experience. As such, Vita's work is romantic. It falls in a line beginning with Wordsworth in English poetry and extending in American poetry through Wallace Stevens and William Carlos Williams to contemporary romantic surrealists such as John Ashbery, James Tate, and Charles Simic. Yet Vita, at the beginning of his career, makes his own distinctive mark in the hourglass sand."

And John Ashbery, who has held the position of Charles Eliot Norton Professor of Poetry of Harvard University, analyzes, "Vita means life and Steven Vita's poetry has the raw color, the disjunct energy of life itself. He is an exciting poet."

Trinity Christian College receives donation

Trinity Christian College has received a \$2 million donation for their planned science/technology building. Named the Heritage Science Center by the College Board of Trustees, the building will aid in providing students with the tools and knowledge to view science through the eyes of scripture. The donation, announced by College President AJ Anglin at the February 11 Board of Trustees meeting, was provided by a Chicago-area family that wishes to hear "the dedication of parents who have placed an uncompromised priority on providing Christian education for their children."

Anglin said the donation for the Heritage Science Center was a "wonderful shot in the arm" for the building program. He is optimistic about raising \$1.6 million more by May 12 - required by the College Board of Trustees to start construction this summer. Of the estimated

\$7.5 million needed, \$4.4 million is already secured.

Dr. Gerrit Van Dyke, professor of biology at Trinity, is looking forward to the new opportunities the Heritage Science Center will provide. "It will attract additional students to Trinity, which in turn will allow us to add breadth to our programs in the sciences. The building will relieve overcrowding in laboratories, allow for scheduling flexibility and give students better access to laboratories for individual study and review."

Plans for the center include classrooms and labs for biology, chemistry and physics; a 100-seat lecture hall equipped with state-of-the-art technology for teaching and learning; a computer technology center; faculty offices; and a greenhouse.



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C.C.C.'s remembered

by Jude Coyle

Meet Nick Bubash. He came to our Palos Heights View of the Century meeting in January. With him, he carried a photograph album detailing his experiences. I had a chance to speak to him afterwards, and I found a fascinating man with a fascinating life story.

Mr. Bubash grew up in Thornton. His mother ran the boarding house on Williams Street. He and his brother raised pigs, rabbits and chickens, which were used to feed the family and residents in their home. He spoke fondly of how they bar-b-que'd pork, smoked hams and how his mother prepared blood and garlic sausages. At Christmas time, they killed a pig, cooked and served it, complete with an apple in its mouth.

In 1937, he turned 17, and had graduated from Thornton Township High School. At the time the country was still encumbered by the Stock Market crash of 1929 and The Great Depression that followed it. Nick's older brother worked as an engineer at the Thornton Quarry, and Mom received Relief. He decided that maybe he had a future with the Civilian Conservation Corp.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected the first time in 1932. His first concern was to ease the effects of the Depression, and put as many Americans back to work as

he could. He created jobs by creating Federal agencies. The Tennessee Valley Authority, the Works Projects Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corp. were Roosevelt's brain children. In the C.C.C.'s, young men without other options worked in forests, forest preserves, national parks, etc., building, planting trees, chopping trees, laying parking lots, etc.

He served two six month hitches as a laborer. His first assignment wasn't far from home. He was assigned to Camp Palos Hills, in Palos Heights, where he helped to build the Toboggan Slides. There were six or 7 slides then and maybe one hundred to 150 steps leading to the top. Nick helped build the steps as well. Once the slides and the steps had been completed, the C.C.C. laborers acted as guides, making sure the chutes were cleared before allowing patrons onto the slides. They cleared trees from the immediate area, which they chopped up and used for fire wood. Thirty to 35 men lived in barracks that were heated with big pot belly stoves.

C.C.C. units were well disciplined, organized much like Army units. Up at 6 a.m., breakfast, roll call and lined up for work by 7. Each man was expected to complete an 8 hour day, finishing off by 3 in the afternoon. In bed by 11. The men wore khakis in the summer and olive green in the winter. Each camp had their own cooks, bakers, a PX

and a recreation hall. And the food was good.

According to Nick after work was completed, time was their own. They enjoyed pin pong and pool in the rec hall, and miniature golf just off the premises. On Saturday, they could walk to town if they wanted to. On Sunday, family visited.

During his second hitch, Nick spent time in Necedah, Wisc. which is located along the Wisconsin River not far from the Dells. There he helped to lay parking lots, clear trees and plant others. On Saturdays and Sundays, he and his buddies went to town.

Nick served in the Army during World War II. He was a gunner on a 90 mm anti aircraft gun and was stationed in the Marshall Islands in the Philippines. He married in 1947, purchased a home in and now has Willow Springs, and raised his family, 2 girls, one boy and now has several grandchildren. He was employed by the Sheriff's Department under Richard Elrod for several years, working his way up to Captain at County Jail at 26th and California. Later he served as Police Chief in Thornton. He retired from there in 1980.

Nick never misses an opportunity to show his kids and grandkids his photo album, which contains many, many pictures, of him and his buddies at work and play.



And he never misses an opportunity to point out the old barracks in Palos Hills. Now days they are used as administrative offices for the part district.



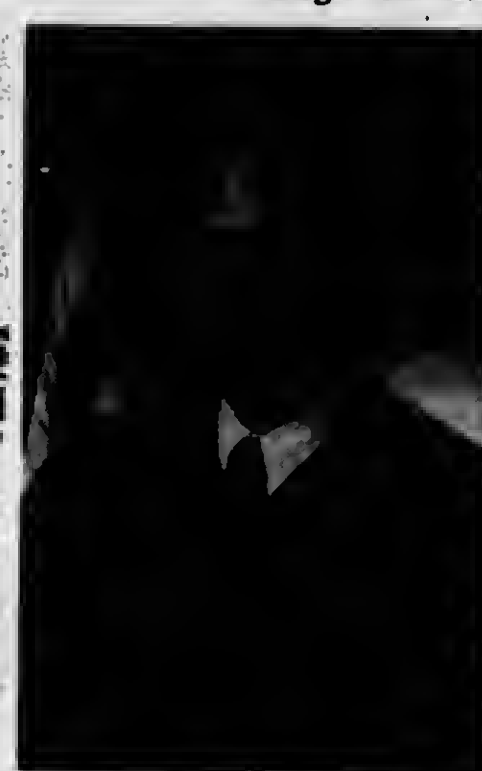
Church community blood drive

There will be an Alsip Community Blood Drive held on Saturday, April 1st from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4041 E. 120th Street in Alsip. We are making a time schedule, now and will call you the week of the drive to remind you. We are limited to no more than 6 draws an hour, so appointment times are highly suggested. To make an appointment or for further information call Maureen at (708) 361-3901.

MISA, Improving Lives with Mental Illnesses

Barbara Blaser, Director of the Illinois MISA Institute gives an overview of how this State agency improves the lives of persons with mental illnesses March 21, 7:00 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., Oak Lawn. Barbara brings over 20 years of prior nursing experience to MISA (mental illness and substance abuse.) For more details call Mike or Lois at (708) 425-0925.

Hosted by NAMI SOUTHWEST, your local affiliate of NAMI (national), "The nation's voice on mental illness."



Judge Flynn Garden club meeting

Judge Peter Flynn with the Circuit Court of Cook County, will speak before the St. Catherine of Alexandria Seniors, Thursday, March 16 at 1 p.m. at Kane Hall, 10721 S. Kedvale. On Monday, March 20 at 1 p.m., following a 12:15 luncheon, Judge Flynn will address the

Oak Lawn Rotary at the Oak Lawn Hilton Terrace Room, 9400 S. Cicero.

Marie Wiencek, president of St. Catherine of Alexandria Seniors and Jeanine Shotas, coordinator of Oak Lawn Rotary, announced that the judge will share his expertise on "The Court System."

Judge Flynn is presently assigned to the First District of the Circuit Court of Cook County. He has been a member of two prestigious law firms in the Chicago area.



Sheriff Sheahan sponsors senior citizen law enforcement academy

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan invites all senior citizens interested in law enforcement and crime awareness issues to enroll in his department's Senior citizen law Enforcement Academy to be held at the Palos Heights Recreation Center, 6601 W. 127th St. in Palos Heights, beginning March 8, 2000.

The Sheriff's Office designed the program to open the lines of communication between senior citizens and law enforcement officials. Participants will gain a better understanding

of the responsibilities and duties of law enforcement officials as well as receive advice on personal safety and crime prevention.

"Seniors of today are active, educated and concerned, and in my opinion, are one of our country's greatest resources," Sheahan said. "This program will attempt to unite the senior citizen community more closely with law enforcement for our mutual benefit."

Sheahan's top staff members & officers from the Palos Heights Police Department will conduct the eight-session Academy. Each speaker provides pertinent information on an array of topics, including law enforcement, agency operations, crimes against seniors, gang and drug awareness, understanding the criminal justice system and functions of the Cook County Jail.

The Academy, sponsored by the Palos Heights Police Department, will meet on Wednesday mornings, 9:30 - 11:30 A.M. through May 10, when all participants will be honored at a graduation ceremony and reception. The Sheriff's Office offers the program free of charge to all seniors living in Cook County.

The Sheriff's Office will bring the Academy to any senior citizen club, organization, or center throughout the county. For more information, or to register for the Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy at the Palos Heights Recreational Center, please call the Sheriff's Office at 773-869-7725.

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New executive director hired

On February 1, 2000, Mr. Roy Eickman began his work as the new Executive Director of the Washington and Jane Smith Community-Beverly.

Roy was born and raised in Chicago, near the Beverly-Morgan Park area. He obtained his BA from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, his MSW from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and his MBA from Michigan State in East Lansing. He spent the early years of his career as a Director of Medical Social Work for Mary Free Bed Hospital in Grand Rapids, the Rehabilitation Institute at Northwestern University here in Chicago, and Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Michigan. Since 1984, he has been President and CEO of Spectrum Health Continuing Care Group, a Grand Rapids-based system. There he directed a \$37 million continuing care group, serving elderly and disabled populations in Grand Rapids, Lansing, and Kalamazoo.

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Start saving some money with these 5 easy tips

How many times have you told yourself you were going to start saving money? We all say it and then we put it off another week, month or year. According to the Houston Chronicle, more than 60 percent of the population has less than \$5,000 in liquid savings. It may seem difficult to start a savings plan, but here are a few tips to ease you into the habit.

Don't bite off more than you can chew. We tend to try to start a savings plan by setting aside more than we can really afford. Establish a goal for how much you would like to save in a month or a year and then slowly set aside an amount you can live without, say \$25 a week. Then establish a schedule such as every Friday you will set aside \$25. Then promise yourself

that you'll do it. Gradually increase the amount you save by allocating all or a portion of your annual raise, for example, to your next egg.

Look into an automatic investment plan or dollar-cost averaging. It may not be feasible to set aside \$1,200 at once - but \$100 a month may be possible. Dollar-cost averaging is a good technique to accumulate some savings without going broke. To dollar-cost average is to invest a fixed amount of money at a fixed interval - once a month for example - in a particular investment or security, regardless of the price per share. Because you contribute a preset dollar amount, the number of shares you buy will depend on the individual share price. This technique allows you to acquire fewer shares when the price is high and more shares when the price is low. Dollar cost averaging does not guarantee profit or protect against loss and you should consider your financial ability to continue purchases at low levels.

Also, it may be easier to save by automatically deducting a preset amount from your checking account instead of having to manually transfer the money. Investing takes some discipline and it is difficult to stay in the market when it's dropping. A regular investing program, despite the market's direction, may be helpful in keeping focused on your financial goals.

Take a closer look at your life insurance policy. This may be a good time to reevaluate your life insurance policy. Especially if

you've had the same policy for several years, you may be able to save money by switching policies. If you apply for a new policy and take a new medical exam, you may be able to get a better premium than your old one.

Join your employer's 401(K). If you don't participate in your employer's 401(K) plan yet, it's time to think about it. This is an easy way to start saving for your retirement. The money usually comes out of your paycheck pre-tax, so you won't really miss it much because you never will have the opportunity to spend it. And many employers will also match a percentage of what you contribute to your plan subject to certain limitations.

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Whichever way you decide to save, start today so you can reap the benefits sooner!

Senior citizens issued non-expiring identification cards

Senior citizens in Illinois would be issued non-expiring state identification cards under legislation approved today by the Illinois Senate. Secretary of State Jesse White has asked the Legislature to make the identification cards permanent for citizens aged 65 and older.

"This is one more way to improve customer service in the Secretary of State's office and serve the public more efficiently," said White. "Illinois identification cards provide a legally recognizable form of identity for many Illinois citizens."

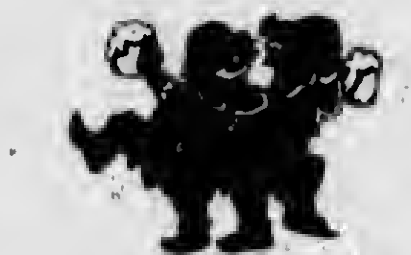
Senior citizens who have stopped driving shouldn't have to make an extra trip to a local driver services facility to get a new picture for their ID card.

Currently, senior citizens must renew their state ID every 10 years. Senate Bill 1353 would make identification cards for persons aged 65 and older non-ex-

piring. The legislation is supported by the American Association of Retired Persons.

"Many seniors use these cards when cashing a check or for other purposes," said Assistant Senate Democratic Leader Vince Demuzio (D-Carlinville), lead sponsor of the legislation. "They may no longer possess a driver's license and depend on this card when asked to show identification. Though persons over the age of 65 pay no fee for their cards, under current law they must renew them every 10 years. This strikes me as unnecessary."

The legislation, which received unanimous approval from the Senate, now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.



ENTERTAINMENT LISTINGS

The Fireside Dinner Theatre in Fort Atkinson proudly presents Lerner & Loewe's BRIGADOON from March 2 - May 14, 2000 with nine dinner theatre performances weekly. Dinner theatre Package prices range from \$40.95 to \$42.95 with off menu dining available on Friday and Saturday evenings. Advance reservations are recommended and can be made by calling The Fireside at 1-800-477-9505 or through the website at www.firesidetheatre.com.

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| | 10:30 a.m. |
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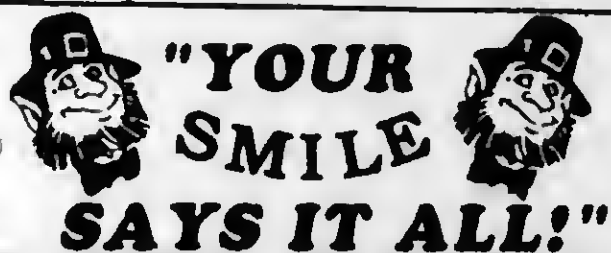
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Cardinal flip-flop

Cardinal Francis George went to Washington D.C. and did a flip-flop on the important social issue of abortion.

On Wednesday, January 26th, Cardinal George offered prayers with hundreds of the Pro-Life movement who traveled to Washington, D.C. to oppose abortion and the Roe versus Wade decision of the U.S. Supreme Court.

On the next day, January 27th, Cardinal George did a flip-flop. The Cardinal accepted an invitation from House Speaker, Dennis Hastert, to be present at the State of the Union Address delivered by President Bill Clinton, who requested and signed into law \$430 million for the United Nations Population Control Commission. This Commission will use the \$430 million of our taxpayers' fund for the performance of abortions, sterilizations, of men and women and in the wide distribution of free contraceptives amongst the poorest of people living in the poor Third World Nations.

The Cardinal sat comfortably in the warm House of Representatives listening to the State of the Union Address delivered by President Clinton who favors Free Choice for women and strongly promotes the unconscionable partial birth gruesome pro-

cedure terminating the life of a newly born healthy baby.

At the same time, hundreds of Pro-Life members bravely faced the outside wintery cold snowy weather protesting in front of the White House. Unlike Cardinal George, the Pro-Life members would never have accepted the invitation to be in the presence and listen peacefully to the State of the Union Address delivered by President Clinton.

House Speaker, Dennis Hastert who gave the impression of his friendship with Cardinal George also did a flip-flop. Hastert used his powerful House Speaker position to cast his vote against appointing a Catholic priest, Rev. Timothy O'Brien, as Chaplain in the House of Representatives.

Lastly, The Cardinal used poor judgement with his presence at the State of the Union event which is a national political gathering. This is an election year. Will his presence add confusion to many citizens who are struggling in deciding who to vote for as their next President of these United States - a Democrat or a Republican?

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Daniel W. Hynes, IL State Comptroller, surrounded by staff members as he testifies in House of Representatives in Springfield

Hynes testifies

The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland will hear from guest speaker Ann M. Dickett, former legislative director of the South Cooperative Organization for Public Education (SCOPE), on the subject of Tax Increment Financing (TIF). Mrs. Dickett worked on reforming the TIF statutes while at SCOPE. The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11th at the Palos Heights Recreation Center, 6601 W. 127th Street in Palos Heights and starts at 9:30 AM. Coffee will be served at 9:00 AM and all League meetings are open to the public.

The League of women Voters of Palos-Orland has over sixty members from thirteen different communities in the southwest suburban area. Please call Merne at 708-532-0184 for more information.

Daniel W. Hynes, Illinois State Comptroller, testified in the Illinois House of Representatives where he introduced House Bill 3988. This Bill addresses concerns expressed by the people who attended the hearing and those who have called the consumer hot line in the Comptrollers office. The legislation will increase consumers protection and industry oversight.

Comptroller Hynes states that "issues ranging from abandoned cemeteries and maintenance issues to

Sheriff Sheahan's senior citizen law academy come to Palos

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan brings the second session of the Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy to the Palos Heights Recreation Center, 6601 W. 127th St., in Palos Heights. Sponsored by the Palos Heights Police Department, the Academy classes are held on Wednesday mornings, 9:30-11:30 A.M. through May 10. Today's session provides seniors with valuable information on crimes against the elderly, senior safety & avoiding con games and scams. All Cook County senior citizens are encouraged to attend these important meetings. To register or receive more information about this free program, please call 773-869-7725.

vandalism, licensing and penalties were discussed".

Q. I ran across records showing my deceased parents' Social Security benefits. I noticed my mom was getting substantially less than my father, even though they both worked for more than 40 years. Why is this?

A. Women tend to have lower earnings throughout their working lives than men. For example, while the median annual earnings for men is around \$34,000, it is only \$25,000 for women. Because Social Security benefits are based on earnings, that means women generally qualify for smaller benefits than men. Currently, the average retirement benefit paid to women is \$660, compared to \$868 for men.

Q. My uncle receives a monthly disability check from Social Security. He will be undergoing some medical treatments over the next several months and wants to know how long he can hold off cashing or depositing his Social Security check.

A. If possible, he should try to cash or deposit his check(s) as soon as he receives it. An important fact for him to be aware of is that a government check must be cashed within 12 months after the date of the check or it will be voided.



Teachers certificate program

Pictured are students who last spring completed the teaching component of the Teacher Certification for College Graduates program through a partnership between Moraine Valley community College and Dominican university.

From left to right are Denis Bergstedt of Oak Lawn; Christine Rinchich of Oak Lawn; Donna Carroll, president of Dominican University; Sharon Katterman, director of Resource Development at Moraine Valley Community College; Sr. Colleen McNichols, dean of Dominican University School of Education; and Carolyn Wembling, program director at Dominican University.



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"Short Shakespeare! Romeo and Juliet"

Matthew Carter and Whitney Sneed in the title roles of **Short Shakespeare! Romeo and Juliet**, a 75-minute abridgment of Shakespeare's romantic tragedy. A production of Chicago Shakespeare Theater, the play is staged each Saturday at 12:30 p.m. through March 18. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact the Box Office at (312) 595-5600.

Theater alive

The popular entry of Chicago Shakespeare at Navy Pier introduces the best known Shakespearean plays crafting them into short-length versions. Short Shakespeare represents broad programming made possible by Chicago Shakespeare's move from Dearborn Street into Chicago's newest theater now known as Chicago Shakespeare. It was constructed smack dab in the center of Navy Pier. It offers visitors an accessible way to

experience the works of one of the world's greatest storytellers, Antony and Cleopatra directed by Barbara Gaines was the opener on October 15 running to December 12. Midsummer Night's Dream followed on January 21. It was on the banks of the River Thomas as the sixteenth century gave way for a new arena, a theater built by a group of shareholders. It was called THE GLOBE THEATER.

Exactly four hundred

by: Georgean Fitzgerald

years later beside another great body of water CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE THEATER was built. A Midsummer Night's dream directed by Joe Dowling ends its run March 26. Next up will be All's Well That Ends Well directed by Barbara Gaines running from April 20 to June 11, 2000. For more information call the Box Office (312) 595-5600. Chicago Shakespeare Theater on 800 E. Grand Ave., Navy Pier.

Adult Course Archaeology And The Bible Thursdays

Recent archaeological discoveries throughout the Near East have made biblical archaeology a hotbed of controversy and debate, as well as contributing to a greater understanding of the setting for the events, places,

High school drama performance

The Maria High School Thespian Club will present, "A...my name is Alice" on March 30-April 2 in the school Auditorium, 6727 S. California. The play will run March 30 and 31 and April 1 at 7:00pm., and April 2 at 3:00 pm. "A...my name is Alice" is a collection of stories and songs that portray the many roles of women, such as sisters, friends, mothers, daughters, etc. It also talks about the hopes, dreams and frustrations of all women. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and students, and \$1 for children under 12. Tickets in advance are \$1 off, call (773) 925-8686 to purchase tickets. Tickets can be purchased at the door.



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and characters found in the Hebrew Bible. This course will focus upon an integration of biblical, archaeological, literary, and historical data from the Bronze and Iron Ages (ca. 2000-586 BCE) in Israel with the goal of evaluating this evidence and its relevance to the biblical texts. Required text will include either *Archaeology of the Land of the Bible 10,000 - 586 BCE* by Amihai Mazar, or *The Archaeology of Ancient Israel* edited by Amnon Ben-Tor. This course is offered in conjunction with the *Dead Sea Scrolls* exhibition. Cost is \$120 (\$102 Field Museum/ Oriental Institute members). For more information, call The Field Museum Education Department at (312) 665-7400.

Theatres' run their shows

The Auditorium Theatre will be in the 'house' for One Touch of Venus when it opens for a short run: April 6-9. With book by S. J. Perelman and Ogden Nash and music by Kurt Weill, lyrics by Ogden Nash: the celebrated score includes hits: Speak Low, That's Him, I'm A Stranger Here Myself, and Foolish Heart.

Rogers and Hart's Babes in Arms follows on May 16-

21 with a hit parade of songs which the New York Times claims to be Broadway as it used to sound!

Locally the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre program continues with Damn Yankees directed by Paul Nirchi. The show dates are March 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18 and 19. The show goes up at the Oakview Recreation Center, 4625 W. 110th St., Oak Lawn. (708) 857-2200

Seniors would receive permanent ID cards

Illinois seniors would receive a permanent, rather than a temporary, identification card under legislation that passed the Illinois Senate on Wednesday, and state Senator Christine Radogno—the bill's co-sponsor.

"Many seniors used ID cards in order to get their prescription medicine," said Radogno (R-La-Grange). "By having a permanent card, seniors will not have to worry about missing their renewal date or having to spend an entire day getting a new card."

Senate Bill 1353 would allow any senior over the age of 65 to receive a permanent ID card that would not have to be renewed. Currently, ID cards need not be renewed every 10 years.

Radogno said seniors can update their ID cards should they require a change of address or other personal information.

Seniors over the age of 60 could also receive a Senior Citizen Discount card. There is no fee for this card and those interested can apply at their local Secretary of State facility.

This measure, which received overwhelming support in the Illinois Senate, now goes to the Illinois Houses of Representatives for further action.

Spring/Summer children's clothing resale

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., Oak Lawn, IL will hold their annual Spring and Summer Children's Clothing Resale (toys, equipment, maternity clothes will also be available) on Saturday, March 11, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Clothes baskets are encouraged for shoppers. ABSOLUTELY NO CHILDREN/STROLLERS ALLOWED until after 11:00 a.m. For more information you may call the church office at 708-599-4025.



Reach Anonymous

A 12 step support group for the families of the mentally ill meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at Pilgrim Faith United Church 9411 S. 51st Ave. Oak Lawn. For more information call Mike or Lois at (708)425-0925.

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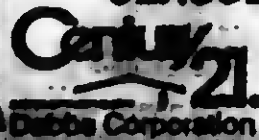


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Lola Jenkins, participant in presidential classroom's business and government program

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Army & Air Force hometown news

Army Pvt. Robert C. Gonzalez has graduated from basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the training, the soldier received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Gonzalez is the son of Carlos Gonzalez and Sandra Recendez of 8948 S. Central, Oak Lawn, IL.

Army National Guard Pvt. Carla Montoya has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During the training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Montoya is the daughter of Patricia and Gustavo Montoya of 5055 S. Laverne, Chicago, IL.

She is a 1999 graduate of J.F. Kennedy High School, Chicago.

Phil Smidt St. Patty's luncheon

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering a trip to Phil Smidt to enjoy a scrumptious lunch along with a lecture and slide presentation of Ireland and Irish tales given by guest speaker Richard Crowe. The trip will take

Joining hundreds of high school students from across the country, Lola will take part in seminars presented by leaders representing each branch of government, the military, media and lobbying organizations. Additionally, students are scheduled for a private tour of the White House, appointments with their Senators' and Representatives' offices and a visit to a foreign embassy.

New disability claims to be processed while appeal is pending

Social Security has issued an emergency instruction that will allow new disability claims to be processed and adjudicated immediately, regardless of whether there is a prior claim pending at the Appeals Council. This is the result of the huge backlog at the Appeals Council.

This new procedure is effective immediately and will apply to claims filed before December 30, 1999, which have not yet been forwarded to the Appeals Council. A favorable determination on a subsequent claim will be limited to the period beginning the day after the date of the ALJ's decision. This new determination will be forwarded to the Appeals Council to determine if it contains new and material evidence relating to the period that was before the ALJ on the prior claim. An unfavorable determination on the subsequent claim may be appealed to all levels depending upon your jurisdiction. At the hearing level, action on the subsequent claim will be deferred until the Appeals Council completes its action on the prior claim.

While an unfavorable decision on a new claim may be appealed, in every Appeals Council case involving disability issues, the Appeals Council ana-

place on Friday, March 17. Transportation will depart from the Palos Hills Golf Courses, 7301 W. 105th St., at 10:00 a.m. and return approximately 4:00 p.m. The fee is \$32.00 (includes transportation, lunch and presentation). Register now at the Park Department temporary location, 8017 W. 103rd St. Registration deadline is March 3rd. For information call 430-4500.

Community nutrition network

Oak Lawn C.N.N. conveniently located in the heart of Oak Lawn, serves a hot, nutritious lunch to seniors. Open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., we offer a wide variety of activities for our diners.

Lunches are menued by a registered dietician, with meals planned to meet the nutritional needs of seniors. We ask a minimal cost for the lunch. Coffee and tea are available all morning. We also serve breakfast on occasion in conjunction with other events.

In the coming months, our participants will go on day-trips, attend our parties, listen to interesting speakers, participate in monthly free blood pressure screening, and much more. Please call (708) 422-5180 if you have any questions or would like to make reservations.

Those interested in volunteer work can help here at the nutrition center or get involved with our home-delivered meals program, as a driver. We are always looking for individuals willing to give us just one hour, one day a week to bring meals to senior shut-ins living in the Oak Lawn area. Please contact us if you wish to participate in our programs.

lyst must determine whether a subsequent claim has been filed and whether it was allowed. Local SDSA offices will be instructed to fax the allowance information to the Appeals Council. Please note that if the Appeals Council finds no new and material evidence and does not agree with the new claim allowance, it will determine whether the subsequent claim can be reopened under the regulations negating that award.

Dr. German House victorian fashion show/

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering a trip to the Dr. German House for a Victorian Fashion Show and Afternoon Tea on Thursday, April 6.

Register now at the Park Department temporary location, 8017 W. 103rd St. registration deadline is March 20. For information call 430-4500.



Elks #2254 district hoop shoot winner

Brendan Styler of Kolmar School is congratulated by Elks #2254 Hoop Shoot Chairman Don Nowak and Kevin Kennedy DDGER.

Brendan competed in a District contest in Plainfield, IL and placed First in his age group.

He will compete further statewide at Bloomington, IL February 18th.

Don Nowak
Oak Lawn Elks Lodge
No. 2254

McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 2255 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, Illinois, 1-708-636-3220, will be holding a Flea Market on March 25, 2000.

Doors open 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is no door fee for buyers. Table rental is \$10.00 each. For information please call the post.

McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 2255, 10537 S. Ridgeland

Ave., Chicago Ridge, Illinois, 1-708-636-3220, will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner and Easter Ham Dinner raffle on April 15, 2000, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost will be \$4.00 adults, \$2.00 children 4 yrs. to 10 yrs., children 3 yrs. and under free. The Spaghetti Dinner will be serving spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, bread & butter, pop or coffee. The Ladies Auxiliary of Post 2255 will be holding a Bake Sale during the dinner.

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Center, 340 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park.

Attendance on all evenings is required. Reservations are necessary. Registration is being taken at the Office of Citizens' Services, or, if you prefer, you may register by mail sending a check in the amount of \$10 (made payable to AARP) to the above address. For attending these classes, some insurance carriers give their

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Gator's golf guide

by: Bob Gates, Golf Instructor

This article on the set up is the first in a series of articles which will appear concerning various aspects of the fundamentals of golf. The intent of this article is not to discuss the specifics of the set up, but rather to emphasize its importance in relation to a good basic golf swing.

With the approach of warmer weather golfers - whether a fanatic, an occasional player, or a beginner novice - are anxiously anticipating the opening of the golf rangers, and the opportunity to start hitting "the little white ball." Golfers are ready to break out the clubs and get rid of the cabin fever syndrome from which they're suffering. During these winter months most golfers have not had the opportunity to spend time in warmer climates working on their golf game. Some golfers have improvised something in their basements or garages which allows them to practice and maintain their feel for the swing. Some have done nothing since putting the clubs away last fall.

Regardless of what has or has not been done this winter, as you approach the start of a new season, concentrate your early efforts on creating a sound fundamental set up. It will pay dividends many times over. Failure to build a fundamental set up will certainly lead to swing flaws regardless of how sound the swing itself may be.

In my next article I will focus on specifics of the set up. A final thought to get you started: Set up includes 1) stance, 2) posture, 3) alignment, 4) grip, and 5) ball position.

For additional information ask for Bob at Home (708) 425-8637 or Work (708) 857-2214 (Stony Creek Driving Range)

The history of the world is none other than the progress of the consciousness of freedom.

—Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel



Auto repair shop marks 20th anniversary

Wayne Greider, owner of Auto Repair Experts at 4813 S. Pulaski began his 20th year of service on January 4th 2000. Auto Repair Experts is one of the largest and best equipped repair shops in the area, offering complete vehicle repair and maintenance. "I can't believe it's been 20 years" says Greider "I've been repairing cars since 1972 and to think here we are in 2000 seems almost unreal." Greider started the business as a one man operation on 47th and Keeler, in 1984 he moved to Archer & Kostner where he spent the next nine years before moving to his present location in February of 1993. "We needed more space to better service our customers so when this building became available I jumped on it". The present location at 4813 S. Pulaski has nine service bays, seven of

which are equipped with above ground lifts for under car repairs.

Auto Repair Experts is equipped to diagnose and repair all of today's modern computerized cars and light trucks. "The amount of information that's needed now a day is mind boggling," says Greider. "We have over two million pages of repair information on a compact disk system.

If I had all that information in book form I'd need a bigger building!" Repairing modern cars requires much more training and diagnosis than ever before; that's why Greider employs technicians certified by ASE and Greider himself is a master technician.

Over the years, Greider has seen many changes in the auto repair business, not to mention his personal life. In 1996 he married Carol who along with her three children keep a very busy schedule. "Between ball games, wrestling and other school activities it gets pretty hectic, but I really do enjoy being married and I'm having a lot of fun."

Greider's hobby for the past 29 years has been auto racing. "I'm the pit stop captain for Team Rensi Motorsports. We're the ones that jump over the wall and put on four tires

and 22 gallons of fuel in about 18 seconds." Greider changes rear tires as well as coordinates practice times and days with the other crew members. "Being involved with a first rate race team is a dream come true, standing in the pits at Daytona and seeing 150,000 people in the stands is something that's hard to describe" says Greider. "I've been blessed that the people of this community have trusted me to service their cars for 20 years; I hope to add another 20 on top of that."

New Zealand Travelogue

Through a combination of music, display items, and personal narration, David Toeppen will bring New Zealand to the Bridgeview Public Library Thursday, March 16th, from 6:00 PM to 8:00PM. The Bridgeview Public Library is located at 7840 W. 79th St., telephone (708) 458-2880. Call to register or stop in and sign up.

Ask advice only of your equals.

—Danish proverb

WWII memorial

Helping construct a national memorial for those who served in World War II is the aim of legislation that passed the Illinois Senate on Thursday, said state Senator Christine Radogno. "A short time ago, generations of Americans packed theaters throughout the country to see Saving Private Ryan," said Radogno (R-LaGrange). "Most, if not all, came away with a new understanding and respect for what our veterans went through when they did nothing short of save the world."

Radogno said each state has been asked to contribute one dollar for every veteran from their state that served in WWII to the American Battle Monuments Commission. Illinois had 987,000 veterans in the war.

Senate Bill 1780 would therefore appropriate \$987,000 towards the national memorial.

This measure, which received overwhelming support in the Illinois Senate, now goes to the Illinois House of Representatives for further action.

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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge



View of the Century Series in Clearing and Garfield Ridge

by Annette Dixon

The centennial view of Clearing and Garfield Ridge was presented by Annette Dixon, sponsor of the View of the Century Series.

On February 28th, more than 40 attendees came from the Clearing and Garfield Ridge Civic League and Senior's groups, VFW and Daley College to know more about their area.

What they did not hear, which I was able to get from Mary Ann Dybala, was the 1990 Fact Book Consortium. In 1884 "Long John" Wentworth, a two term Mayor of Chicago, owned 4700 acres of vacant land 7 1/2 sq. miles of Clearing and Garfield Ridge and Summit. He was a rancher with "prized cattle". He had a large mansion at 5441 S. Neva. The home was razed in the early 1980's for new construction.

Bartlett Realty Company purchased 610 acres in 1910

Brother Rice to host sports card show

Brother Rice High School, 10001 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, will host a sports card show Sunday, March 12 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The show will feature more than 85 dealer tables. Admission is \$1. Children seven and under are admitted free. For more information, contact Ed Kalata at 708-636-8386.

subdividing it into small vacant parcels.

Around 1920 or a little later stage coach lines soon provided passenger travel service and the supply lines expanded for food and other sundries. When the "passage" roadway was completed, it was a welcome sight. Colonel Archer's contribution to improve the former Archer Avenue Trail, an Indian Route, from the impassable oozy mud will long be remembered. Archer Avenue was named in his honor.

In 1930, the Chicago Municipal Airport was built in vacant school land between 55th and 63rd streets and

Cicero Avenue to Central Avenue, which geographically is in Clearing more than in Garfield Ridge.

Hale Elementary School was called the "Airport" school as it was located at 6020 South Linder Avenue and was in line with the Linder Avenue airplane taxi runway. In about 1955, a new school was built at the now location of 6140 South Melvina Avenue.

Our guest speakers were MaryAnn Dybala, owner of In Realty, who spoke about her personal experiences in Garfield Ridge for the past 30 years, and the development within the area.

Rick Techman spoke about

the insurgence of the railroad and the Clearing industrial center which brought in the influx of population growth in the early 20's to the 50's. There were many in the audience that gave an accounting of their experiences by interacting with the speakers.

Our surprise guest was Edward McElroy, McElroy Public Relations, who gave his background information to the audience. The all around man was with the White Sox. He was a sports announcer, referee, radio Disk Jockey and worked for Eddie Hubbard on ra-

dio. He also was with WJJD.

The audience surprisingly knew the personalities that Ed knew and they also related to the sports figures Ed mentioned, along with the sports figures of their time. He boasts about being 74 and enjoyed the audience. He certainly entertained us all.

Ed introduced his candidate, Judge Peter Flynn, running on the democratic ticket for judge of the Circuit Court.

was the Illinois Railway Museum, in Union, Illinois on the freight-only Belvedere, sub-division of the Union Pacific.

Special occasions were conducted by the Illinois Railway Museum including use of a two car CTA train to shuttle passengers from lunch at downtown Union to the museum grounds. The arrival of the RPCA special marked the first-ever operation of Amtrak equipment to the museum, and it was the first passenger train excursion ever operated from Chicago Union Station to IRM. The special train consist was:

- Union Pacific Locomotive
- BNSF Power Car #800381
- 3 Amtrak Single-Level Coaches
- 1 Amtrak Single-Level Food Service Car
- Illinois Central Theatre Car #800413

Next year's Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 12-15, 2001, in Bradenton, FL, headquarters of the Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus, operators of one of the largest fleets of private passenger equipment in North America.

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Record attendance, first-ever Amtrak train to Illinois Railway museum and strong educational program mark 2000 annual meeting of railroad passenger car alliance in Chicago

CHICAGO - The January 21-23, 2000 annual meeting of the Railroad Passenger Car Alliance (RPCA) in Chicago set a new attendance record and featured a program of mechanical seminars, meetings, entertainment and a unique passenger train operation.

A total of 320 members, private passenger car owners and railroad professionals registered for the three-day meeting—an all-time, high. Headquartered in downtown Chicago at the Midland Hotel, the 2000 Annual Meeting served as the primary opportunity for

railroad passenger car owners to meet and discuss significant industry issues including best-in-class safety and operating practices, marketing, equipment leasing developments, mechanical standards and innovations, and federal operating regulations.

"This year's meeting set new standards of participation and excellence for RPCA," said organization president Henry Weller. "Our planning committee worked hard to develop and implement top level programming, speakers and activities, and their efforts really paid off."

Passenger car owners representing some 692 pieces of privately-owned equipment and 97 locomotives were in attendance. Participants chose from seminars in three separate educational tracks: Mechanical, Operations/Marketing and History. Presentations were made to the group by industry leaders including William E. Greenwood, Retired Chief Operating Officer, Burlington Northern Railroad; Ed Ellis, Vice President, Mail and Express, Amtrak; Lesley Corban, United States Postal Service; and many other noted speakers.

Meetings were held at the Midland Hotel in downtown Chicago, while unique hands-on mechanical sessions were conducted at Amtrak's state-of-the-art intercity rail passenger equipment maintenance facility at 14th Street.

The weekend meeting was crowned by the operation of a special passenger train consisting of Amtrak coaches and a unique Illinois Central inspection car that features an 8-foot by 8-foot, 2-inch thick special glass window at the rear for viewing the passing railroad facilities. Destination

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Trustees questions attorney's bills

by Jude Coyle

Fireworks erupted the Worth Village Board Meeting of February 15. Trustee Duffy presented the much awaited ordinance changing the building codes, asking it to be placed on the consent agenda. Trustee Guzdziol stated that he had not seen the ordinance and did not realize that an ordinance would be drawn up. Duffy disagreed, that the Board had met, discussed the ordinance and instructed the Attorney to draw it up. When Trustee Guzdziol denied being at the meeting, she asked Clerk Miller to retrieve the minutes and read it aloud. The Clerk returned, read the January 18 minutes, noting two changes made in ordinance, and the subsequent instructions to Attorney Odelson. Guzdziol replied that he is still 'nebulous.' Not having his approval, Trustee Duffy agreed to bring this up separately at the regular board meeting.

Earlier in that meeting, Trustee Wierenga apologized to the Village Board. She is pursuing her masters at Governor's State. She is required to take a class that is only offered once this year and is scheduled on Tuesday evenings. Although she has had to chose the class at times over the Board Meetings, she assured all that she is keeping up with Village business.

She was dismayed though when she read in the paper that the Board had considered purchasing the Wadson property. She was glad they decided not to, but chided the others about not informing her beforehand. That this is something the public needs to know about. Duffy and Bonham agreed with Wierenga. The property had suddenly come to auction and Metra wanted to build another commuter lot. By law, the Village would have to purchase it and sell it to Metra.

When the consent agenda was brought up, Trustee Guzdziol asked that item 8, the January voucher list, be changed. He wanted the bill form Attorneys Odelson and Sterk removed, and the list changed to reflect that amount. Trustee Meany voted against it, making it necessary to vote separately on every item on the consent agenda. He would agree to removing the entire entry, and allowing the agenda to go ahead without it if Trustee Guzdziol would agree. With that Trustee O'Connell moved to remove that item with Trustee Meany seconding it. The Board then voted on the consent agenda, and passed it.

Guzdziol moved to remove Odelson and Sterk's

bill for \$28,698.57 from the voucher list entirely. Wierenga seconded it. Attorney Burt Odelson demanded to know what the problem was, that his rates were well below other firms. Guzdziol replied that he did not like the way the firm was handling the Stewart case. That to appeal the stay ordered by Judge Stack, impacted the Village in a detrimental way. Odelson replied that he has been practicing law for 29 years and thought Guzdziol's questions an embarrassment. He felt compelled to appeal the stay as he would not be able to sleep at night if the house fell on a neighbor. Trustee Wierenga felt he had elongated the situation. Then she pointed out that the Village has paid \$129,000 to Odelson & Sterk last year. That Mat Delort, who served the Village through Odelson and Sterk from 1993 until two years ago, had never charged more than \$58,000. Duffy felt that Wierenga's protests had to do with the Judge Stack's ruling. That it is unfortunate, but one can't predict the outcome of any litigation. Duffy felt more frustrated, as she has attended every trial date. A vote was called on the motion. Guzdziol and Wierenga voted yes while Bonham, O'Connell, Duffy and Meany

voted no. O'Connell commented that whether they agreed with any bill, they were obligated to pay it.

Trustee Duffy motioned that the Board accept Ordinance 00-01, which redefined the Village's building codes. Trustee Meany seconded it. Without further discussion, the vote was called and carried. Trustees Guzdziol and Wierenga voted against it.

Attorney Odelson came under fire again at the end of the meeting when Fraternal Order of Police Field Supervisor Barbara Kraft asked about the tentative agreement presented to the Village on January 12. At an executive session earlier in the evening,

the Board decided to make a counter offer. Kraft complained that she had called Odelson several times, but had not received one call in return. She assured him the police union would take action. Wierenga asked if the Village was legally obligated to ratify the agreement. Odelson said no while Kraft said yes. Guzdziol then moved to reject the F.O.P.'s proposal. It carried unanimously.

Business approved that evening:

- * \$4,000 expenditure to upgrade village hall computers.

- * Misericordia Heart of Mercy tag day, April 7&8, Chicago Ridge Athletic As-

sociation, April 1&2 and waive fees for either organization.

- * Business license for Quality Maid, Inc., 7011 W. 111th St.

- * Temporary greenhouse from April thru June and Osco Drug.

Work incentives legislation

The ticket to work and Work Incentives Act of 1999 was signed into law on December 7, 1999. The major Medicare and Medicaid provisions are effective October 1, 2000. The Bill will be phased in over three years.



In Chicago Ridge, Heather Moses, Lexington Health Care Center's Social Services Director, helps her friend 80-year old Genevieve Jendrzejak display some of her many Bulls and Michael Jordan plaques. What a fan!

A 80 year old hard-core bulls fan

Chicago Ridge resident Genevieve Jendrzejak is a hard core Bulls fan. She lived most of her adult life in Oak Lawn and raised three children. "Now we're all in our 50's and 60's," says her son, Tom Jendrzejak. "When she was young, she got into - and involved in what all of her kids were into. She always kept busy. Somewhere along the line she took up watching basketball. Mom just jumped right on the bandwagon and became a die-hard Bulls fan. I guess it's just like everyone who gets

caught up in Bulls mania."

Tom's company, T Jays based in Oak Lawn wholesales pictures and plaques. "I don't really know how this all started," he laughs now, "...but one day I brought her a few pictures and plaques of the Bulls - many of which pictured Michael Jordan to Lexington Health Care Center. Mom wanted them all and has continually requested more ever since."

On retiring, Genevieve moved to Florida, then Arizona. "But she wanted to return home to the Oak Lawn

area," says Tom. She now comfortably resides in Chicago Ridge at Lexington Health Care Center. "In April Genevieve will be 80 years old. "She was and still is incredibly friendly and loved to converse with the neighbors and friends says Tom. Now, everybody at Lexington, including nurses, therapists, maintenance crews and administrators have spoken with her about - and even bought or have been given - Michael Jordan's pictures," he says.

Moraine Valley spring enrollment increases

There are more students enrolled in credit classes this spring semester at Moraine Valley than a year ago.

There are 13,051 students taking 105,305 credit hours this spring compared with 12,752 students who took 105,315.5 credit hours during spring 1999.

Moraine Valley staff members continued a variety of efforts to attract students to the college. In addition to disseminating information through brochures, semester schedules, and advertising, the college conducted "an extensive phone campaign," said Wendy Manser, dean of Enrollment Services. Student ambassadors made 4,221 phone calls to remind students that registration was underway.

The college uses a variety of ways to make regis-

tration convenient. Students can enroll in person or by phone, mail, or the Internet. Twenty-four percent of the students registered on-line for the spring 2000 semester.

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Stores having problem relocating

Oak Lawn Board of Trustees: March 14, 2000

By: F.J. Soczek

In an unprecedented show of support, friends, neighbors and customers of Millie's Ice Cream Shoppe and Hair & Nails Unlimited filled the Oak Lawn Village hall to overflow capacity to protest the imminent demolition of the popular businesses.

Apparently spurred on by correspondence sent by the Village to Travis Tuomey, owner of Millie's, the letter demanded either six months of unpaid rent and pro-rated taxes or evacuation of the premises. Tuomey, who rents the business, has a lease until October, 2001.

Village Manager Joseph Faber explained an informal "offer" by the Village allowed Tuomey to remain in business "rent free" for six months, in lieu of a truncation of the formal lease. Relocation assistance was also offered as part of the settlement offer.

"There was no 5 day eviction notice," Faber asserted, when asked to explain the letter.

Discussions between the Village and Tuomey have stalled, Faber noted, over a financial "settlement" desired by Tuomey.

Village Attorney Michael Jurusik intimated Tuomey had requested \$150,000 for relocation costs and subsequent loss of business. Faber stated the latter amount was not acceptable and furthermore

he did not have the authority to approve such a settlement without Board concurrence. The dilemma was aggravated, Faber admitted, by the lack of written agreement between the Village and all parties concerned. The lease of neighboring tenant, Hair & Nails Unlimited, expires in 2004.

The meeting, for the most part, remained orderly, disrupted periodically by roars of approval when Travis Tuomey excoriated the collective Village leadership. "We are lied to, deceived and treated poorly by Mr. Faber and (Village Economic Development Director) Mr. Webb," Tuomey sneered.

Webb, who was not present, was accused of not providing the relocation assistance initially promised.

Janet Seivert, owner of Hair & Nails Unlimited stated she was simply given a list of vacant properties which proved to be either too large or too small to meet her business necessities.

Displaying an infrequent show of solidarity, nearby business owners and residents facing a similar uncertain fate expressed their concern for what is perceived as an extreme lack of direction shown by the Village officials.

Steve Wind, owner of Wind Records, 5410 W. 95th St., expressed his frustration at having been forced to relocate his business several doors down the block, only to face another possible

relocation with the proposed Village condemnation of his building.

It was further noted that the former building, described by the Village as "unsafe," somehow appeared less dangerous when the new "politically connected" tenant rented the space previously occupied for many years by Wind Records.

Pat Bartell, owner of Southwest Music Center, 9515 S. Cook Ave. expressed similar disappointment at the Village's apparent lack of concern for the small business owner.

Bartell, who invested her life savings to open the music school, stated she was informed by Jim Webb, "You do not generate enough sales tax revenue," and was issued a perfunctory "list" of available Oak Lawn properties as a "relocation" courtesy.

The school serves over 200 area students who have consistently won honors in state-wide music competitions. Compounding the situation for Bartell is a lease that expires in another month and no prospects for suitable future accommodations.

Southwest Music Center, along with co-tenants Maurice Lenell Cookie Outlet and Color Key Printing have endured a painful, protracted period of business "limbo" due to the failure of Village officials to provide a tangible timetable for their plan to turn the viable, long-established business properties into yet another parking lot.

Mayor Kolb, sensing the extreme urgency of the petitioners plight, agreed to hold a public meeting in the near future to address their concerns.

Spelling bee at Evergreen Park

The 21st Annual Lenon Wisdom Spelling Bee sponsored by the Worth Township Commission will be held on Friday, April 7, 2000 at Evergreen Park Community High School, 99th & Kedzie, Evergreen Park beginning at 6:30 PM. The Spelling Bee is township-wide and participants are in the Junior Division, 5th & 6th grades, or Senior Division, 7th & 8th grades. All students receive a Participation Certificate and trophies are awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners in each division.

Little Company health fair

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Center will offer an "Adult Health Fair" for anyone over 18 seeking free health screenings as well as lab testing for a nominal fee.

This event includes testing to detect diabetes, gout, kidney, liver disorder, and blood cholesterol levels. preregistration is now required by Friday, April 21, 2000, to have blood testing and colon rectal testing.

Fee for the lab testing is \$35. Also included are free screenings for height, weight, oximetry, blood pressure and the colon rectal cancer detection kit to take home.

Information booths will share background on Little Company services and programs with participants. The Fair will be at St. Bernadette Church's Quoinset Hut at 9339 South Francisco, Evergreen Park, on Saturday, April 29, 2000, from 8:00 am to noon. Please call 708-499-1894 to register.



Founders Bank Announces New Program: Loan on your Own

Worth, IL February 17, 2000 - Helen Socha, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Founders Bank has introduced a unique program called Loan on Your Own. The program is designed to help individuals establish or re-establish their credit worthiness. Founders Bank provides customers with a loan, the proceeds of which are used to purchase a Certificate of Deposit. The bank holds the CD. Upon the pay-off of the loan, the Certificate of Deposit plus interest is returned to the customer. Socha stated that "the customer has accomplished two very important financial steps; one, they have established a good credit rating and two, they have saved money that they can now use to achieve their goals."

Worth township health fair

William R. Moran (D-Calumet City) 6th District Cook County Commissioner, along with Worth Township Supervisor John Murphy, will host a "Health Fair" on Saturday, March 25, 2000 from 9 am until 11 am at Worth Township, 11601 S. Pulaski Road, Alsip.

"The most important element for good health is early

She went on to say that "this program can help a young person establish credit while they're saving the down payment for a new car or tuition. It also helps those who may have experienced problems with a negative credit rating in the past. We help re-establish their credit worthiness so that they may begin to plan for a better financial future. The Loan On Your Own program will help open the banks doors to a market that is currently under-served."

You may apply at any of the Founders Bank locations. For additional information about the program you may call the bank's Customer Service Center at (877) 448-6500 for further information.

detention," said Moran. The "Health Fair" will be the following screening available: blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, hearing screening, and prostate and testicular exams for men. There will also be health counseling available.

If a health problem is detected, the clients will be informed of the services which are available for proper treatment. The "health Fair" is FREE and open to the public.

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In Photo are left to right: John Swan District Youth activities chairman, Jessica Rodriguez 3rd place winner, John McIntyre District commander, Allison Regaldo 1st place winner, Shaun P. Caulfield 2nd place winner, and Debbie Jenkins District Auxiliary President.

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Youth Essay Frivolous lawsuits hurt small businesses

The 3rd VFW District awarded the VFW Youth Essay Contest winners at an awards presentation at the Connolly Victory Post home in Chicago. The 25 VFW Posts and their Auxiliaries, of the District, were eligible to participate. Each school winner was previously awarded a \$100 US Savings Bond at individual School ceremonies.

The District winners were selected by a distinguished team of judges consisting of Fourteenth Ward Alderman Edward M. Burke, Mr. Joe Boyle Managing Editor of Southwest News Herald, Ms. Susan Malone Gen. Managing Editor of the Back of the Yards Journal, Commander James J. Molloy 8th Chicago Police District, Joe Lullo Jr. Precinct Captain of 60th Precinct, 13th Ward, and the Honorable James F. Henry, Judge, Cook County Circuit Court.

The 3rd District 1st place winner is Allison Regaldo

Surveys show that trial lawyers are attacking small businesses with frivolous lawsuits. A Gallup survey, commissioned by National Federation of Independent Business, found that 24% of small business owners had either been sued or were threatened with court action within the last 5 years.

According to another Gallup survey, one out of every five small businesses decides not to introduce a new product of improve an existing one because of fear of litigation.

"Small businesses are the

from St. Gall elementary school. She was awarded a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond; and competed with other District winners for State awards. The 2nd place winner is Shaun P. Caulfield from Michael Byrne elementary school, who received \$150 in U.S. Savings Bonds. And the

life-blood of our economy," said Joe Wiegand, Director of Illinois Citizens for a Sound Economy.

"It's just a shame that an elite group of greedy trial lawyers has targeted small business owners with frivolous lawsuits. This is just another reason why we need to elect an Illinois Supreme Court that will help end frivolous lawsuits, and give back our legal system to decent honest Americans with real grievances."

In 1995, Illinois' Governor signed a package of laws designed to reduce the

number of frivolous lawsuits. In 1997, the Illinois Supreme Court found the laws unconstitutional.

"Being a small business owner is tough enough. We need to elect an Illinois Supreme Court that will allow small business owners to focus on creating a new jobs, rather than avoiding a frivolous lawsuit."

"On Tuesday, March 21 voters will have a chance to vote for an Illinois Supreme Court that can help protect small business owners from frivolous lawsuits."

June, in your local newspaper, Look for it. Each school has a winner. For more details contact your local VFW Post, teacher, or call John Swan the District Chairman.

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Officer Lopez appointed elderly services officer

by: Jude Coyle

Village Board President Steve Landek introduced Police Officer Patricia Lopez at the March 15 Village Board Meeting. Officer Lopez has just completed Triad School, a 40 hour course dealing with the unique problems encountered by senior citizens. She is now the Elderly Services Officer for the Village. Her job is to educate the elderly and act as liason between them and the police Department.

Officer Lopez reminded everyone how easily the elderly falls prey to seemingly honest looking con men, and how many times these crimes go unreported because the victim is embarrassed. She also reminded the audience about nursing home abuses, elderly abuse by loved ones and care givers. Violent crimes against the elderly happen, but thankfully not often in Bridgeview.

She will act as the first contact. Depending on the call, she will direct it to the proper officer or agency for handling. In the case of nursing home abuses, an organization called the Ombudsman Program, a State agency, will investigate and can levy fines. She is available during

the day, between the hours of 7 and 3, at the Bridgeview Police Department. There number is 708-458-2131. This is the first time Bridgeview has placed someone in this position. According to Officer Lopez, Palos Hills, Burbank, Tinley Park, and Orland Park have instituted the same program.

The Triad School is sponsored by American Association of Retired People (A.A.R.P.), the International Chiefs' Association and the National Sheriffs' Association. Officer Lopez's class was conducted in Joliet and 70 students attended. She is planning to bring the Sheriffs' Department Law Enforcement Academy, which is an ongoing training program teaching the elderly how to protect themselves.

Officer Lopez is a four year veteran of the Bridgeview Police Department. She is a patrol officer, a field training officer and part of the bike patrol. She hopes to become a crime prevention officer. Next week she begins training in Evergreen Park in the areas of peer mediation, gangs and drugs, etc. Overall, she hopes to be able to educate

residents how to prevent crimes.

Also discussed at the March 15, Bridgeview Board Meeting:

- * Ordinance # 00-16 - the Village must provide a registry of T.I.F. District Properties in the Clerk's office.

- * The Board approved a special use permit for Nader Afshari, for the property located at 8258 S. Harlem.

- * Business licenses were approved for Kosmek (U.S.A.) Ltd., at 9824 S. Industrial Drive, Suite B. They moved from Suite F.

- * Mercury Transportation, at 9714 S. Industrial Drive.

- * The Board have its consent to the Bridgeview Baseball/Softball Pony League Opening Day Parade on April 15.

- * The Board also approved the new lease with the Bridgeview Lions to use the Community Center for Bingo.

- * The Board agreed to replace Public Work's old 1978 backhoe with a new John Deere, which will be leased on an annual basis for the next 48 months, pending the attorney and treasurer's review.

- * The Board agreed to

extend the use of temporary employees for 120 days, minus positions filled by recent new hires.

Robert Jansen apologized to the Board and the Police Department. At the last meeting he complained that his call from McDonalds has not been answered promptly enough. He has met with Police representatives and listened to tapes. Accordingly, the call was answered in 5 minutes and 4 seconds. This, he said, was McDonald's screw up.

Kolb Endorses Flynn

Mayor Ernie Kolb of Oak Lawn, announced that he is endorsing Judge Peter Flynn, in the upcoming primary, to the 3rd Judicial Sub-Circuit, Circuit Court of Cook County. Mayor Kolb stated that Judge Flynn will be a superb contribution to a very important system.

Judge Flynn was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court after practicing law in Chicago for some thirty years. He is a graduate of Harvard (magna cum laude), and received his law degree from Yale where he was awarded many honors.

Lt. Governor Wood meets with Illinois congressional delegation

Illinois Lieutenant Governor Corinne Wood met with members of Illinois' congressional delegation to seek support for legislation vital to the success of Governor Ryan's "Illinois Rivers 2020" initiative.

"Illinois Rivers 2020 protects our state and national interests by improving one of our most important natural resources: the Illinois River basin," Wood said. "The basin provides community water supplies, wildlife habitat, recreational and tourism opportunities and a cost-effective means of transporting goods for export. I am meeting with our congressional delegation to discuss existing threats to these crucial waterways and to ask them to help us address them by supporting Illinois Rivers 2020."

Illinois Rivers 2020 is a \$2.5 billion, 20-year federal-state initiative to address the problems of water quality, soil erosion, and sediment buildup in the Illinois River Basin. Wood said that Illinois is seeking a \$950 million appropriation for the Illinois

River Basin through existing Farm Bill programs and the Clean Water Act, as well as an amendment to the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) to authorize work restoring waterways and improving water quality.

The program is a cooperative effort among the Illinois River Coordinating Council, which Wood chairs, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The lieutenant Governor said delegation members were very receptive to her request. She particularly thanked Congressman Ray LaHood (R-Peoria), who testified on Wednesday before the House Transportation Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment in support of the Restoration Program. "Congressman LaHood understands the wide-ranging implications of Illinois Rivers 2020, and I want to thank him for his strong leadership in supporting this initiative."

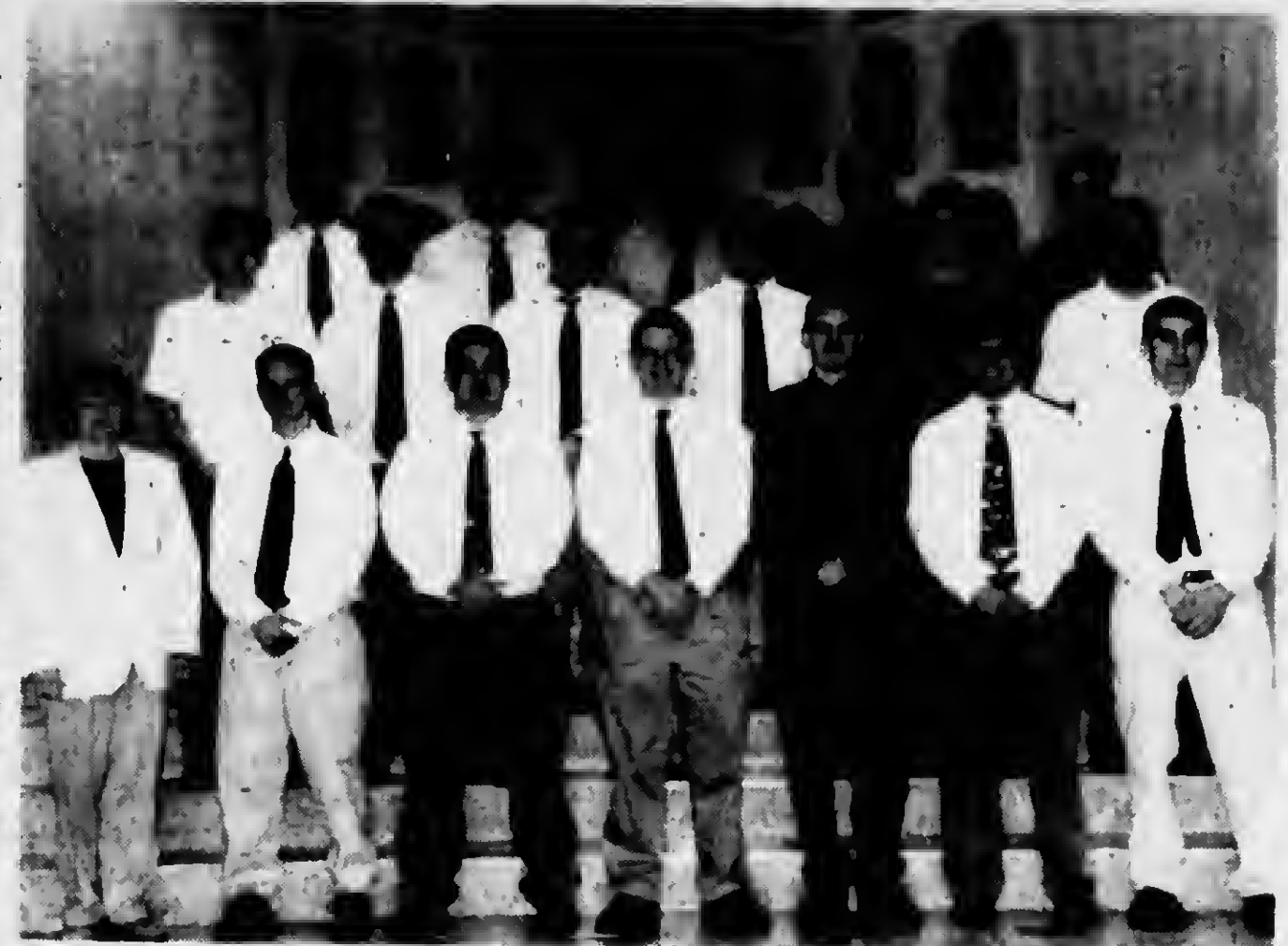
Lt. Governor Wood emphasized that Illinois Rivers 2020, which builds upon the success of the Illinois River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, is a voluntary, incentive-based approach which is broader and more inclusive of the entire Illinois River and its tributaries. She said it does not create any new bureaucracies or mandates, but instead utilizes existing agencies and programs in the Farm Bill, the Clean Water Act, and WRDA. Specifically, the initiative will develop new technologies and innovative approaches to:

- * Improve water quality within the entire river basin
- * Protect farmland and open space
- * Provide for land treatment of storm water and best management practices for upland areas
- * Enhance the Illinois River as a transportation corridor
- * Restore, enhance and preserve habitat for plants and wildlife
- * Increase economic opportunity for the agriculture and business communities

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All are welcome to participate in the Wednesday Lenten series of programs. For further information about activities in the church call (708) 422-8451 or visit the church's web site at <http://www.gbgn-umc.org/fumcep>.

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St. Rita students state scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has announced the names of this year's Illinois State Scholars. The State Scholar Program recognizes Illinois high school students for outstanding academic achievement. St. Rita of Cascia High School is pleased to announce that 17 seniors have been named State Scholars.

The seniors, along with their respective grammar schools are: Chris Augustyn, St. Symphorosa; Robert Burnett, Lenart Academy; Daniel Camer, Clissold; Andrew Gadomski, St. Richard; Travis Harper, Grimes; Patrick Kane, St. John Fisher; Stanislaw Komorowski, St. Gall; Matthew Kurnat, St. Mary star of

the Sea; Daniel Latona, Wilkins Jr. High in Justice, IL; James Leiser, Michael Porfirio, St. Albert the Great in Burbank; Jonathan Little, St. Thomas More; Michael Piccirillo, Gerald Sharp, Palos South Jr. High; Joseph Roberts, Terrance Lucker, Owen Scholastic Academy; and Joseph Urchak, St. Rene Goupil.

Help given to Aids patients

Caring for persons with HIV/AIDS will be focus of the Wednesday Lenten program on March 22 at the Evergreen Park First United Methodist Church at 94th st. & Homan Ave. Rev. Rodney C. Walker, director of St. Luke's Place, a newly opened facility housing persons with HIV/AIDS, will be the speaker at the 7 p.m. program. St. Luke's place is funded by the United Methodist Church.

At 6 p.m., prior to the program, a "one-pot" meal, hosted by the Council on Ministries and the Endowment Fund Committee, will be served. For a donation come and enjoy a supper of chicken rice casserole, salad, bread, dessert and beverages.

On Wednesday, March 29, Rev. Wendell Oman, a chaplain at Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn, will speak on how children handle grief, following the Lenten theme, "Becoming a Church For All God's

Country coverlets celebrate Worth township's 150th anniversary

In honor of their Sesquicentennial, Worth Township is selling beautiful 100% cotton, jacquard woven coverlets. These custom designed coverlets measure 48" x 68" are machine washable and are available for you to purchase from the Worth Township Clerk's Office for \$40.00 each. These unique coverlets are a colorful collector's item.

We asked each municipality within the Township to provide us with a picture of a landmark that they would want to represent their village. Once we received all of

the responses back, we were able to create a one-of-a-kind coverlet design that truly captures the spirit of Worth Township. Without question, everyone who purchases one of these unique keepsakes will be proud to have it displayed in their home. The coverlets have been crafted with navy, cream and red threads. This is a great gift for people of all ages and especially by folks who have moved away.

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Julio Iglesias performs for Paramount Gala

The Friends of the Paramount Arts Centre is thrilled to announce that international star, Julio Iglesias, will appear on April 14th for the annual gala. This black-tie-optional fundraiser will benefit the not-for-profit theatre. The night of enchantment begins with the performance at 8:00 pm, followed by a gala party complete with champagne, dessert and music across the street in the North Island Center Meyer Ballroom.

Julio has earned over 2,600 platinum and gold records, having recorded 76 albums which sold over 250 million. He has received the first and only Diamond Record Award ever given to a performer by the Guinness Book of World Records, for selling more records in more

languages than any other musical artist in history. Julio has recorded numerous songs with such artists as Frank Sinatra, Dolly Parton, Willie Nelson, Diana Ross, Sting and Stevie Wonder. Some of his hits include: *To All The Girls I Loved Before*, *My Love*, and *All Of You*.

Gala ticket prices are \$110, with each ticket including a \$40 donation to the Paramount Arts Centre. Preferred seating tickets are limited. Please call 630-264-7203 for more information.

The Paramount Arts Centre thanks the following individuals and businesses for their support of the Gala as Premiere Philanthropists. They include Alarm Detection Systems Inc.; AT&T Cable services; The Beacon News; The Business Ledger;

Caterpillar Inc.; The Daily Herald; General Mills; Idea Resource Center of Preferred Business Inc.; KOOL 95.9 WKKD FM; McDonald's Restaurants of Aurora, Oswego, & Yorkville; Nedrow Decorating Inc.; Old Kent Bank; Old Second National Bank; Press Republican Newspapers; R.C. Wegman Construction Co; River Street Press; David & Gilda Stoner; Sun Publications; WBIG 1280 AM; and WRMN Radio 1410 AM.

The Paramount Arts Centre is a not-for-profit performing arts theater dedicated to bringing high-quality, affordable entertainment to the western suburbs. The theater was placed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

The lion king of mali will captivate paramount audiences

The Lion King of Mali, a new musical from Theatreworks/USA, will be performed at the Paramount Arts Centre in Aurora, Illinois, on April 7, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. This hour-long presentation is sure to capture the attention of those young and old alike.

The Lion King of Mali is a remarkable story of an evil and powerful sorcerer who aspires to conquer all the tribes of Africa. Only the Young son of the king can defend the land and save the tribes from evil. Told through traditional African rhythms

and dance, colorful masks, and costumes, this legendary African tale is brought vividly to life.

Theatreworks/USA is America's foremost professional theatre for young and family audiences. Founded in 1961, its goal is to continue to create imaginative and sophisticated shows that are educational, entertaining, and thought provoking.

All tickets are priced at a special family rate of only \$5.00 and may be purchased through Ticketmaster outlets, at the Paramount Box Office at 23 E. Galena Blvd,

Aurora, or by calling the Paramount

Arts Centre at (630) 896-6666. Visit us on the web at www.paramountarts.com.

This program is sponsored by Kool 95.9 WKKD FM, and partially sponsored by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency. The Paramount Arts Centre is a not-profit performing arts theater dedicated to bringing high-quality, affordable entertainment to the western suburbs. The theater was placed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.

Daley

Southwest Chicago resident will be able to take a variety of hands-on computer workshops without leaving home.

The continuing education office is now taking reservations for on-line classes on Web Publishing, the Internet, Microsoft Office applications, PC Troubleshooting and more.

The cost of \$94 is designed to assist those who need to upgrade their job skills but find it inconvenient or impossible to participate in a traditional classroom setting. The classes appeal to working parents, people with disabilities, night workers, folks far from campus and so on.

On-line classes are not for everybody. Learning at your own pace and from your own home can be difficult for many people. There are many distractions. For more information on on-line computer workshops offered by Richard J. Daley College, contact Assistant Dean James L. Charney, Continuing Education Office, (773) 838-7958, or e-mail at jcharney@ccc.edu



Lonnie Brooks brings bluesy, funky mix of music to Moraine Valley

Guitarist/vocalist Lonnie Brooks rocks.

And he is coming to the Moraine Valley Community College Fine and Performing Arts Center Saturday, March 25, at 8 p.m. on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. The performance is in the Dorothy Menker Theater. Lonnie Brooks began his career as a rock and roller and

evolved into a high-energy bluesman, who has earned a reputation as a highly respected blues player. Performing for live audiences is what he does best.

Ticket prices are \$16.50 for adults and \$14.50 for seniors and students. A \$1 fee is added for phone orders.

For ticket information, phone Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center box office at (708) 974-5500.

For more information, phone Barbara Dargis, College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742.

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Free stroke screenings may pay off by revealing hidden risk

You may want to stop the next time you see a stroke screening at a health fair or your local mall - especially if you smoke, are over 65 years old, or have heart disease or elevated levels of cholesterol, according to a new study.

Researchers from Buffalo, N.Y., announced their results recently at the American Stroke Association's 25th International Stroke Conference. The American Stroke Association is a division of the American Heart Association.

In this study, 1,331 people who had not had a stroke were screened for stroke risk. Eighteen percent (239 people) were found to have blockages in their carotid arteries - the vessels carrying blood to the brain - that were severe enough to warrant follow-up consultation with a physician. When the carotid arteries are blocked, blood may not be able to reach the brain and a stroke can result.

"Screening everyone may not be justified, but screening those who have two or more risk factors is, because we've found that they have a significantly higher chance of having a blockage," says the study's lead author Adnan I. Qureshi, M.D., of the department of neurosurgery at Syracuse University-New York Medical Center in Buffalo. "We were surprised at the large number of people we found to be at higher risk."

People who were over 65 years of age were 4.1 times more likely to have significant blockages - defined by the researchers as 60 percent or more blockage - than those who were under 65. There was also heightened risk of blockage for those who smoked (two times higher), had pre-existing heart disease (2.4 times higher) of extremely high cholesterol, or hypercholesterolemia, (1.9 times higher). People who were taking medication to

treat their high cholesterol were considered to be hypercholesterolemic for the purposes of the screening, says Qureshi. People who attended the screenings - part of the Western New York Stroke Screening Program - were able to have their carotid arteries examined by the use of a technology known as Doppler ultrasound, a noninvasive test that "photographs" blood vessels and shows obstructions in blood flow. The ultrasound tests were available at the screening sites which included malls and health fairs.

"The risk factors identified in the study are based on information that almost everyone has - cholesterol levels, whether they smoke or not or have heart disease - and by appropriately utilizing it, we can determine who is most likely to benefit from getting a carotid artery Doppler ultrasound," says Qureshi.

Identifying a significant

blockage is important, says Qureshi, because it can help physicians prevent a stroke. Previous studies have shown the usefulness of a procedure called carotid endarterectomy, which is a surgical technique used by physicians to clear out severe blockages from the carotid arteries to help prevent future strokes.

"Our focus is to educate people so that they know more about what can increase their risk of stroke," says Qureshi. "By using the carotid Doppler in those people with major risk factors, we can determine if they have blockages and refer them to a physician." The screenings were free of charge to the public, paid for by a local group of businesses. They were staffed by medical professionals such as nurse practitioners and physicians volunteering their time.

Qureshi says his group believed that the best way for the screening service to be successful was to take it to the people - malls, health fairs and other areas where people gather frequently.

"The person gets to meet

a physician right there on the spot and we can screen all the risk factors the person has," says Qureshi. "The physicians go over each risk factor in detail and explain how these factors can add up to raise a person's risk of stroke." Qureshi says that his team of researchers is currently gathering follow-up data on these people to determine the impact of the screenings on those who received them.

Stroke survivors, caregivers and healthcare professionals can contact the Stroke Family "Warmline": A toll-free information and referral service offering free stroke support information at 1800/553-6231. Many of the stroke support specialists responding to the calls are stroke survivors or caregivers themselves. Co-authors are Vallabh Janardhan; Susan E. Bennett; Andreas R. Luft; L. Nelson Hopkins; and Lee R. Guterman. Guterman is the senior investigator and director of the Western New York State Screening Program.

Palos hospital offers medicare workshop

Do Medicare rules and regulations leave you in a daze? Stop guessing and let the professionals at Palos Community Hospital help you make sense of it all.

The specially trained staff in the Senior Resources Department can help you sort out the issues and answer your questions at a free Medicare Workshop from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, April 11. Participants will receive a free organizer to help keep Medicare papers in order.

Session meets in Conference Rooms E1 & E2 at Palos Community Hospital, 12251 S. 80th Avenue in Palos Heights. To reserve a seat, call the Senior Resource Department at (708) 923-4785, Monday through Friday.

Senator named to Loyola University health system board

Illinois Sen. Patrick J. O'Malley, a resident of the southwestern Chicago suburb of Palos Park, has been appointed to the boards of directors for Loyola University Health System (LUHS) and its subsidiary, Loyola University Medical Center (LUMC).

LUHS is a major academic health-care system based in Maywood, Ill., and recognized nationally as a leader in primary and specialty health care and research.

A longtime public-service professional who currently represents Illinois' 18th legislative district, O'Malley will serve three-year terms on the LUHS and LUMC boards.

"I am excited about the health-care opportunities my service on this board brings to our southwest communities, especially the underserved areas in southwest Cook County," O'Malley said. "Loyola is a teaching hospital known for its expertise in heart, lung and liver transplant procedures; trauma and burn care; cardiovascular care; and cancer care. Loyola also serves veterans at the neighboring (Edward) Hines Veterans Affairs Hospital."

The senator has been a strong proponent of legislation that helps underserved communities and prevents families from falling into poverty. For example, he has

championed efforts to improve the collection and enforcement of child support as one method of keeping families financially viable.

O'Malley singled out Loyola's nationwide reputation for ethics in health care as a major consideration in accepting appointment to the LUHS board.

"In the brave new world of medicine, we need to be cognizant of ethical issues, and Loyola University Health System is taking the lead in this regard in the Chicago land area from a strong Catholic point of view," he said.

An attorney and businessman, O'Malley has an extensive record of achievements in public service. From 1985 to 1994, he was a member of the board of trustees for the Palos Fire Protection District, serving as board president for seven of those years. He was also an elected member of the board of trustees and finance committee chairman for Moraine Valley Community College from 1989 to 1992.

Elected state senator in 1992, O'Malley has sponsored laws that curtail the

activities of gangs and drug dealers and penalize persons who buy firearms with the intention of giving them to individuals who are legally forbidden to own guns. Additionally, he has played a key role in preserving and enhancing air quality in Illinois by successfully leading

the effort to repeal the state's subsidy program for garbage incinerator developers, thereby saving Illinois taxpayers more than \$7 billion, and has been continuously addressing the issues of railroad-crossing safety, crossing blockages, idling trains in neighborhoods and train noise.

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A Catholic school education during the 50's. What could be more cherished or more fondly remembered by those who actually had the experience. The nuns, the priests, the uniforms, the catechism, the discipline, "out-smarting" the nuns and priests, first confession, sacrifices, meatless Fridays, daily Mass, the missions, pagan babies, and of course, a first-rate education were all part of a truly unique time.

John R. Lazzara, CEO/Executive Producer is pleased to present *Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?* based on the best selling novel by John R. Powers, with music and lyrics by James Quinn and

Alaric Jans. Focusing on eight children during their Catholic elementary and high school education in the 1950's, it captures the funniest aspects of youthful growing pains and the trying moments of adolescence.

Directed by Marc Robin, Drury Lane's production of *Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?* will delight anyone who ever went to school, whether public or private. The talented cast stars Paula Scrofano, Curt Dale Clark, Tom Joyce, and Roberta Duchak K.C. Lupp, Steve Full, John Crowley, Cory Goodrich, Cathy Calahan, Cynthia Cobb, Iris Leberman and Angel Barrette complete the company.

To add to the fun, making their Drury Lane Theatre stage debut in cameo roles, on selected dates, will be some of the most talented pastors and priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Performances of *Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?* are Wednesdays,

Thursdays and Fridays at 2:00 pm; Friday evenings at 8:30 pm; Saturdays at 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm; Sundays at 3:30 pm, also selected Wednesday evening performances at 8:00 PM, May 10th, 17th and 24th.

Individual ticket prices are \$26.00 for show only \$34.00 to \$45.00 for show with lunch or dinner including tax and gratuity. Senior citizen discounts of \$2.00 per person are available for all matinee performances with greater discounts for groups of 20 or more.

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Drury Lane Theatre is located at 2500 West 95th Street in Evergreen Park, IL.

SHIP Offers Free Medicare Counseling for Illinois Seniors

Senior Health Insurance Program Enters 12th Year of Providing Free Counseling for Medicare Beneficiaries and their Caregivers

SPRINGFIELD, IL - The Illinois Department of Insurance offers free Medicare counseling services for Illinois seniors through its Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP). Founded in 1988, SHIP is a statewide counseling service that works with Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers to answer questions concerning Medicare and insurance coverage.

SHIP has more than 180 offices throughout the state. Each office is staffed by volunteer counselors that are trained and certified by the state of Illinois. Currently, the program utilizes approximately 700 volunteers to provide a variety of counseling services related to Medicare, Medicare supplement insurance, Medicare HMOs, long-term care insurance, retiree health plans and claims processing.

"The goal of the program is to provide personal, one-on-one counseling that really gets to the bottom of Medicare insurance," said Nathaniel S. Shapo, Director of the Illinois Department of Insurance. "We're not here to solicit business or sell insurance products. We're a free government service that's designed to help people under-

stand their Medicare coverage and how it impacts their lives."

Last year, SHIP provided more than 19,000 counseling sessions throughout the state. Certified counselors amassed 20,000 volunteer hours and conducted more than 350 educational presentations throughout the state. It is estimated that the program saved Illinois Medicare beneficiaries approximately \$1.25 million last year alone.

Illinois residents can find a SHIP counseling center in their area by calling 1-800-548-9034. In addition to site counseling, special services may be made available to Illinois residents that are homebound or are unable to reach a counseling center in their area.

This March, SHIP will roll out a statewide public awareness campaign, utilizing print and broadcast media. The three-month campaign is designed to raise program awareness levels and direct clients to local SHIP centers throughout the state.

"The public awareness campaign will help educate Illinois residents about the important programs and services we provide," said Kathy Claunch, Program Director for the Senior Health

Insurance Program. "People need to realize that there is help out there - they're not alone when it comes to Medicare."

For more information about the Illinois Department of Insurance's SHIP counseling services, or to find a SHIP counseling center near you, call 1-800-548-9034. Additional program information can be found on the Internet at www.state.il.us/ins/.

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St. Francis de Sales-DeAndre Williams, junior.
St. Ignatius-Matt Campbell, senior; Mike Krga, senior.
St. Rita-Bill Lauer, senior; Andre Senegal, junior.

Women's Business Development Center Lauded by Several Organizations

The Women's Business Development Center (WBDC) has received honors for its work in helping women business owners start or expand a business from Governor George Ryan, the U.S. Small Business Administration, Women's Business Enterprise National Council, Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka and Minorities, and Women in Business magazine.

WBDC co-presidents Hedy Ratner and Carol Dougal accepted the "Women in Business Advocate of the Year" Award from Governor George Ryan at the Governor's Small Business Awards program in Springfield. The award was presented to Ratner and Dougal for their influence in shaping public policy for women's business and economic development.

In addition to creating employment opportunities for their fellow citizens, they have gone the extra mile, demonstrating a personal commitment to improving the lives of their neighbors through mentoring, providing training and assistance to other entrepreneurs, and encouraging growth of new small businesses throughout Illinois," said Governor Ryan of the WBDC and other

Small Business Awards winners.

The WBDC was also honored by U.S. Small Business Administration for advocacy on behalf of women-owned businesses during its recent Vision 2000 Awards Conference. The award was presented to the WBDC for its role as an advocate for women entrepreneurs and for its commitment to help establish and promote small businesses.

Women's Business Enterprise National Council presented its "Applause Award" to the WBDC in recognition for its leadership in and advocacy of the Women's Business Enterprise program.

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka honored the WBDC with its prestigious Public Service Award for the WBDC's commitment to women's economic empowerment.

And, the February issue of Minorities of Minorities and Women in Business included Ratner in its "Women Making a Difference" feature, which recognizes women whose contributions have paved the way for women and minority entrepreneurs nationally.

Founded in 1986, the WBDC has assisted more

than 30,000 women and minorities in starting or expanding a business. It provides women entrepreneurs with entrepreneurial training, individualized consulting, financial counseling and assistance, business and strategic plan development, and WBE certification and procurement opportunities, and advocates for women's business development and economic empowerment.

Chicago Catholic League holds basketball awards

The Chicago Catholic League has announced its post-season basketball awards for the 1999 - 2000 season.

Chicago Catholic League Varsity Champions:

Public hearings to focus on cardiovascular disease

The Illinois Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Task Force, which was created by a joint Senate resolution in May 1999, will hold two public hearings in March to gather information on the impact of the disease in Illinois and on ways to reduce both its incidence and its death toll.

The hearings are scheduled for Thursday, March 9, in the Michael J. Howlett Building auditorium in Springfield, and for Friday, March 31, in the James R. Thompson Center, Room

025, in Chicago. Both hearings will run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Cardiovascular disease (heart disease and stroke) has been the leading cause of death in Illinois for at least the last 40 years. In 1998, the most recent year for which there are complete death figures, cardiovascular disease accounted for 38 percent of all Illinois deaths (39,969 of 104,070).

The task force is looking for input from various sectors - the public, the scientific and health care communities, and

community organizations - in order to formulate strategies to address the disease. The group has targeted three significant risk factors for cardiovascular disease: physical activity, nutrition and tobacco use.

Individuals unable to attend one of the public hearings may submit written testimony through April 7. Testimony should be sent to the Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Health Promotion and Health Education, 535 W. Jefferson St., Springfield, IL 62761.

VILLAGE VIEW

SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT

Internet has room for youthful idealism & business

Amid the wave of hacker attacks on several major Internet web sites last month, a young commentator on National Public Radio said he and all his friends were actually glad it had happened. He said he knew what the hackers had done was wrong - jamming up the commercial web sites with so many commands that they stopped functioning - but he and "everyone" he had talked with felt those web sites deserved what they got.

Why? His view is that commercial sites have taken over the Internet and ruined it for those who love the medium as a place for the free flow of information and ideas. I didn't catch the commentator's name. I think he was some kind of computer expert, but I guess that describes millions of kids today.

Perhaps he'll see this column and consider another point of view on how the Internet can be used.

I was struck by his notion that the Internet could be "taken over" by commercial sites. Unlike other forms of communication -- such as radio stations that are individually licensed and regulated in the United States so that they don't operate on the same frequency in a particular region -- the worldwide web is not limited. It is truly an infinite medium.

In fact, I could have a web site, all of my neighbors could have their own web sites, everyone in the U.S. and around the world could have

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their own web sites, and there would still be an unlimited amount of room for more.

One similarity the Internet has with radio and television in the U.S. is the coexistence of commercial and not-for-profit operations. Just as commercial and non-commercial sites exist on the Internet, commercial and non-commercial stations are found on radio and television.

Would National Public Radio's young commentator lend his moral support to hackers if they caused snowy interference with commercial programs such as "MTV Jams" or NBC's "Friends"? I doubt it. Would he back hackers if they were to block out the commercial radio stations that play the latest hits by his favorite "artists"? Unlikely.

When you strip away the young man's stated defense of hackers, here's what I think really bugs him and his friends: They're upset that "Mom and Dad" have discovered the Internet. Indeed, baby boomers have gotten involved -- big time -- in a medium he thought, incorrectly, was the domain of his generation and its youthful idealism.

That's understandable. My generation had somewhat the same feelings the first time we caught our parents humming a Beatles tune. Some of them actually liked "Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young," too. "Hey, that's our music, not yours," we complained. "You're the generation of Johnson and Nixon. We're the generation of Doonesbury and Woodstock. How dare you venture into our territory?"

Baby boomers have grown older and a bit wiser since then. Like all generations, we found out we didn't know everything after all. We have learned that democracy and capitalism are indeed great words that describe the best systems on earth. And, we've discovered that computer systems and the Internet can contribute to the efficiency of our businesses and the prosperity of our employees, customers, and people worldwide.

My advice to that youthful commentator: Hey, lighten up. You and your friends don't have to visit commercial web sites if you don't want to. You can "dis" business, surf the Net and enjoy the free flow of information and ideas to your heart's content. One question though: What not-for-profit company manufactured the PC you're using?

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When Sealing Gaps Around a Home, It Pays to Know What's What

A little knowledge goes a long way when buying products for home repairs and improvements.

Caulking, for example, is the "finishing touch" to many do-it-yourself projects, but there are many types of caulks and sealants—some for specific tasks, and others for general, all-purpose use. Choosing the right one can save you money, aggravation and extra trips to the hardware store. Just as important, the right caulk can mean the difference between a successful or unsuccessful job.

Before you buy any caulk or sealant, ask the dealer to recommend the one you need for your project. Some labels identify products by the jobs they are best suited for, like Red Devil's House & Home Restore brand, which includes Window & Door Caulk, Tile Adhesive, Sidewalk Crack Repair and others. These acrylic caulks, sealants and adhesives also come in convenient EZ Squeeze tubes with built-in dispensers. As you use them, you turn a knob that rolls up the empty portion of the tube while it forces out every last drop.

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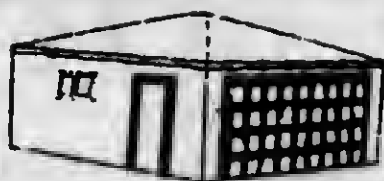
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Not all caulking materials are created equal. If the label on any given tube doesn't specify the uses, try to determine the generic compound used in the formulation. Refer to the table above to find the situations in which each type will work most effectively.

How To Make Invisible Wallpaper Repairs: Adhesive, Techniques Make it Easy

Think of your wallcoverings as an investment. You put lots of time into coordinating colors and picking out designs that are just right for your home. And you worked hard on their installation, making sure the seams lined up and the patterns matched. You thought the finished job was perfect—until you spotted that bubble near the light switch, that seam lifting above the counter, that small, but significant gouge in the front hallway. Don't worry. Wallpaper repairs are a snap if you just use the right tools and techniques.

Many home-improvement books can show you how to make simple repairs, but the real secret is in the adhesive you use. Ordinary wallpaper paste is not the answer—it doesn't have the proper "grab" to hold stiff, balky paper. Spot-repair glues are often too sticky and don't allow you time to adjust a new piece to match the wall pattern. The best solution for repairs to all types of wallcoverings, including paper and fabric, are the new acrylic-based adhesives.

Unlike sticky, smelly, difficult-to-clean glues, acrylic adhesives are completely user-friendly. They are odorless, clean up with water, and offer excellent adhesion.

A good example is new Wallpaper Seam Repair, part of the House & Home Restore line of products from Red Devil, Inc. This premium acrylic adhesive repairs torn or peeling wallpaper instantly. It even prevents peeling and seam-lifting in high-humidity areas like kitchens and baths. Despite its tenacity, Wallpaper Seam Repair cleans up quickly from hands, tools and sponges, using ordinary soap and water. It also comes in a convenient EZ Squeeze Tube with its own built-in dispenser—as you use up the

adhesive, a handy knob lets you roll up the empty part of the tube while you squeeze out every drop.

Here are some tips on making "invisible" repairs to common wallpaper defects: **Bubbles and blisters.** Use a razor knife to slit the bubble along a pattern line (this will hide your cut). Inject a small amount of adhesive and work it all the way under the bubble with your finger. Press the wallpaper down and clean up any excess with a damp sponge.

Holes. First remove any damaged paper, scrape away dried adhesive, and use a patching material such as Red Devil's Patch-A-Wall to fill small drywall depressions or loose plaster. Cut a patch of matching wallpaper and tape it over the entire area so that the patterns line up. With

a razor knife, cut through both the patch and the wallpaper below it, then remove the patch and peel away the wallpaper within your cut line. When repair is fully dry, use Wallpaper Seam Repair to reglue your matching patch in place. **Loose seams.** Use a spatula to lift the seam enough to work-in the new adhesive. Follow the steps above to rebond and clean up the paper surface. If the paper has curled, prop a smooth, non-stick weight against the wall until the adhesive dries.

For more information on how to repair damaged wallpaper or buy repair products, contact Red Devil at 2400 Vauxhall Road, Union, NJ 07083. You can also call the toll-free Customer Service number, 1-800-4-A-DEVIL, or visit their Web site at www.reddevil.com. **HP**



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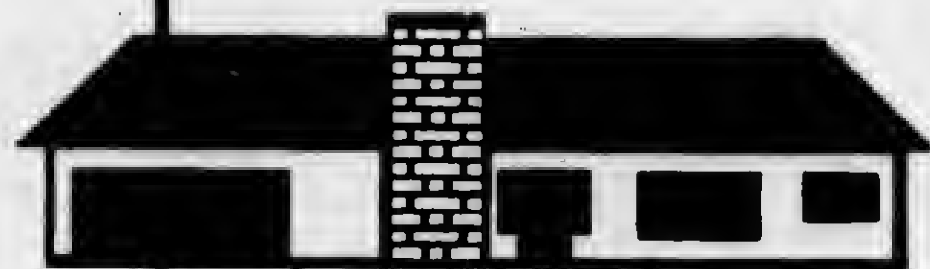


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Concrete and asphalt paving take a beating year in and year out. Both materials—commonly used around homes for walkways, patios and driveways—eventually show their age. Cracks appear, edges start to crumble, and slabs heave and settle as water works its way under the surface.

The best way to keep concrete and asphalt in top shape is to repair small cracks just as soon as they occur to prevent more serious problems that lead to failure. However, homeowners may think that concrete and asphalt repairs are beyond their skill, and way beyond their strength. But you don't have to do a lot of heavy lifting or concrete mixing, nor work with hot asphalt to patch cracks and perform other preventive maintenance repairs. Suitable patching materials for both concrete and blacktop are available in easy-to-use squeeze tubes not much larger than a family-size toothpaste dispenser.

One manufacturer, Red Devil Inc., has introduced a line of House & Home Restore products that include Sidewalk Crack Repair for concrete and Driveway Crack Repair for asphalt. Both are available in easy-to-use, conveniently sized squeeze tubes—each with its own built-in dispenser.

Sidewalk Crack Repair is a gray textured acrylic sealant that works the same way on indoor or outdoor concrete surfaces, such as walks, floors, steps and



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Filling cracks in concrete with specially formulated acrylic sealant, colored and textured to match the surface, can prevent water and ice infiltration that leads to further damage.

patios. It can also be used to repair cracks in foundation walls and to fill mortar joints in brick and block walls. And if you live in an area where harmful radon is present in the ground, you can use this repair compound to seal basement floor joints and cracks.

To fill a hairline crack in concrete with acrylic sealant, cut the tip on the tube to a small-diameter opening, press it on the crack and squeeze gently to lay down a thin bead. Pull the tip along the crack in one direction, and when the crack is covered, smooth the bead with a putty knife, feathering the edges.

Clean larger cracks thoroughly, removing loose, crumbling material before filling. After filling a large crack,

cover it with a board or find another way to prevent foot traffic in the patched area until the sealant hardens.

Driveway Crack Repair is a premium acrylic sealant, colored and textured to blend with blacktop. Snip off the tip of the tube, and fill the cracks in the surface of the blacktop to prevent water from seeping underneath, where it will erode the sub-base and eventually cause cracking and heaving.

For more information on how to use these products and where to buy them, write to Red Devil at 2400 Vauxhall Road, Union, NJ 07083. You can also call the toll-free Customer Service number, 1-800-4-A-DEVIL, or visit their Web site at www.reddevil.com. **HP**

Back Support Reduces Yard Work Strains

(NAPS)—Yard work can do great things for your lawn and garden. But, since there's lots of repetitive and strenuous lifting involved, it's important to know how to do it correctly.

Remember to bend your knees, tighten your stomach muscles and lift with your legs. Keep your back upright and the weight close to your body.

Wear a back support to help reduce the risk of injuries. A product such as The Back Support from Futuro encourages the body to move and lift properly while providing abdominal and lower lumbar support.

Decorating Your Home Via the Internet

Dreaming of a new home? Where do you start? Whether you are buying one or building yourself, you need to collect your dreams, wants and must-haves. If you have an idea folder at home, the Internet now gives you a faster, more complete and more useful way to dream, design and shop for your home.

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Homeowners...What's All The Flush About?

(NAPS)—Attention homeowners. If you're part of the 25 percent of rural and suburban homeowners that have a septic system, isn't it about time you got to know how it works? Though not usually top of mind when you think of household maintenance, your septic system should not be overlooked.

Unlike a city sewage system, septic systems are the responsibility of the individual homeowner. A septic system acts as a safe and natural way of collecting, treating and disposing of wastewater and sewage. And while septic systems may not be the most glamorous topic, they do deserve attention.

"Even though a septic system is an efficient waste management unit, it can lead to major headaches for homeowners if not properly maintained and treated," said Charles Steward, Manager of Biotechnology Research and Development for Reckitt & Colman Inc. "When it comes to septic systems, remember that a little care and maintenance go a long way."

Steward adds that homeowners should, first and foremost, know how their septic system operates. The drains and sewage pipes carry the wastewater from the house to a large underground collection tank that is usually made of concrete or reinforced fiberglass. Bacteria, and the enzymes they produce, are at the very heart of the septic system. In the tank, enzymes and beneficial bacteria digest much of the solid organic



To keep your septic system healthy, use septic friendly products.

waste or break it down, turning a portion of it into liquids and gases. This allows treated wastewater to flow freely out of the tank into a distribution box where it is carried along by outlet pipes to specially constructed drain fields for dispersal into the soil.

If not properly maintained, excess sewage solids can build up in the tank, eventually causing the system to reverse, break down and possibly back up into bathrooms, kitchen sinks and laundry basins.

Steward offers homeowners the following steps to help keep a septic system healthy:

- Use septic friendly products. Avoid pouring straight bleach, left-over paints and concentrated cleaners down the drain when cleaning up.
- Remember to have your septic tank checked by a pumper every three to five years, and pumped when necessary.
- Always remember not to flush napkins, paper towels, cigarette butts and other non-biodegradable products since they cannot be broken down easily.

- Avoid dumping grease and oil down the drain after cooking.

- Use a septic system treatment, such as RID-X® Septic System Treatment, once a month to help keep beneficial bacteria and enzyme levels high. The treatment's bacteria and enzymes work to break up sewage within the tank. In times of high water use or increased use of household cleaners, homeowners can help protect themselves by increasing treatments to twice a month.

- Use the water saving functions on dishwashers and washing machines. If possible, limit your laundry loads to two daily, giving your septic system a break in between.

- Throw garbage in bags versus using the garbage disposal to minimize build-up.

- Keep a diagram of where the septic system is located in case an accident does happen and the system needs to be inspected immediately.

By recognizing the demands put on their septic systems, homeowners can avoid over-burdening their septic systems and save themselves unnecessary grief. To receive a free brochure on septic system maintenance, send a self-addressed envelope to RID-X Septic Tank Booklet, P.O. Box 8001, Grand Rapids, MN 55745-8001.

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New Products Make Bath Facelifts Easy



Tile adhesive in a tube makes it easy to re-glue loose ceramic and plastic tiles.

A bathroom can be a very difficult environment. No room in the house gets more traffic, and the day-to-day exposure to water and steam can cause even tough materials like tile, grout and caulking to break down. Corners and joints begin to look shabby. They become difficult to clean. Fortunately, repairs to all of these areas can be handled simply and effectively, and you don't have to be a professional to do it.

New acrylic adhesives, caulks and grout in squeeze tubes eliminate the need to buy "industrial-size" quantities of materials that will harden before you use them up. One manufacturer, Red Devil, Inc., sells an assortment of adhesives and sealants in conveniently sized "EZ Squeeze" Tubes, which have a built-in device that enables you to roll up the empty portion of the tube and squeeze out

every last drop. The tubes also have a reclosable cap.

Quick and Easy Caulking

Among the most critical maintenance areas in a bath are the joints where walls and floors meet, and those around tubs, showers, sinks and countertops.

To repair joints between walls, floors and dissimilar material, use a siliconized acrylic caulk, like Red Devil's House & Home Restore Premium Kitchen & Bath Caulk. This water-resistant, mildew-proof sealant dries quickly and cures to an ultra-smooth satin finish that can be painted. It's also odorless and cleans up with water before it cures.

If your project entails restoring stained, damaged caulk, first try removing mildew stains with household bleach and a sponge. Use a utility knife and scraper to remove loose, damaged or stained caulk, and clean the joint thoroughly before applying fresh material. Cut the tapered tip of the caulking tube at a point that will allow you to apply a bead of the desired width. Press the tip firmly into the corner and pull it along with a slow, continuous motion.

Re-gluing Loose Tile

Ceramic or plastic tiles that have come loose often can be re-glued. House & Home Restore Tile Adhesive is a high-performance sealant that provides a permanent, waterproof bond without the sticky mess associated with most tile adhesives. You simply apply it straight from the EZ Squeeze Tube—it cleans up with water, and it won't stain or bleed into the surrounding grout. You can use it

for new tile installations as well, or to replace tiles that have cracked or chipped. House and Home Restore Tile Adhesive is also perfect for adhering linoleum and vinyl flooring back in place.

Just pry loose tiles off the surface and clean the back and edges thoroughly. Clean the surface that the tile will be applied to—use bleach to kill mildew that may have grown behind the tile. Then apply tile adhesive in half-inch dollops about a half-inch apart over the back of the tile. Press the tile in place making sure the surface is flush with surrounding tiles and centered in the space. Let the adhesive set for a couple of hours, then fill the joint around the tile with grout.

Restoring Tile Grout

Another familiar problem in tiled baths is stained, cracked or missing grout. As with the other bath repairs, choosing the right replacement material makes all the difference. Even beginners who have never done this type of repair work before will have no difficulty making an old bath look and perform like new with House & Home Restore Tile Grout. It's pre-mixed, and like the other products it comes in an EZ Squeeze Tube with built-in dispenser. This stain- and water-resistant acrylic compound also dries quickly and cleans up with water.

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Remote Control: No Longer A Remote Possibility

(NAPS)—Here's an enlightening idea. Thanks to the latest developments in technology, a wireless remote wall switch that is the same size as a traditional light switch can be used to control almost anything electric from anywhere in the house.

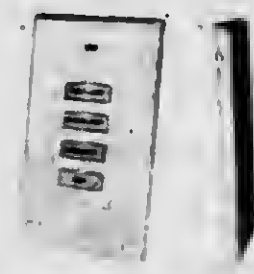
Known as the Slimline Switch, the product sticks to any surface and uses simple push button programming to do things like brighten or dim incandescent lamps at the touch of a button.

The switch can be mounted on the wall next to the bed, in a bathroom, living room, kitchen, garage or den to help eliminate stumbling around in the dark. It's also a useful device for those who have ever wondered whether they left the coffee pot on.

Because it's so small, the switch can be used as a portable 3-button wireless remote that fits comfortably in a hand or even a pocket.

This can be an economical option for anyone who has ever wanted to customize the location of their light switches, but who didn't want to spend thousands of dollars to open a wall or install additional wiring.

The switch uses a combination of radio frequency signals and AC wiring to con-



Lights and appliances can now be controlled from anywhere in the home with a wall switch.

trol lights and appliances. It works in conjunction with wireless lamp and appliance module technology created by a company called X10.com.

Alex Peder, president of X10.com, describes the switch as "absolutely the biggest improvement in home control to come around in a long time in a format that matches the size of a traditional light switch."

According to Peder, "It won't be long before the Slimline Switch becomes the new defacto standard for home lighting control."

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How to Succeed at House Painting: Preparation is the Key

Painting the interior or exterior of a home is a no-brainer—providing you've done the really important work of preparing the old surfaces for their new topcoat.

Paint needs proper adhesion to last through years of weathering, washing, rubbing, rough-housing and all of the other abuse the world can throw at it. It doesn't matter which paint you buy. If you don't put it onto a clean, solid surface, it won't last.

Watch professional painters work, and you'll see that they often spend more time getting ready to paint than actually brushing, rolling or spraying the stuff on. They know what it takes to do a good job. The most important preparation steps include:

- Wash down all surfaces to be painted. For interior walls and ceilings, use a strong TSP (trisodium phosphate) solution, rinse with clean water and allow the surface to dry well before you repaint. Plaster can be scrub-brushed, but drywall needs a gentler touch with a damp, not wet, sponge. Exteriors may be power-washed—use an appropriate cleaning solution that sprays-on with the water, and be careful not to damage surfaces with the high-pressure stream.
- Scrape or sand away old paint that's not well-adhered. Blistering, peeling and flaking paint can be removed by hand or with portable sanding machines. If you're working indoors, wear a dust mask that protects you from inhaling potentially harmful paint particles, especially if the house is older and there is any possibility of lead paint. For exterior walls, pros today also use power washers to blast away not only grime but loose paint as well.
- Clean out loose or damaged surface areas and patch them with a repair compound. Wood siding can deteriorate in places where water has penetrated the protective paint layer. Interior drywall and plaster can also be damaged from impacts, or can begin to crumble

in spots from age and water infiltration. Both areas are easily fixed with an all-purpose repair compound such as Patch-A-Wall Spackling Paste, one of a line of House & Home Restore products from Red Devil. Quick-drying, sandable and paintable, Patch-A-Wall comes ready for use without mixing or kneading, and it can be cleaned up with water before it permanently sets. Homeowners will also like its handy squeeze tube with convenient, built-in dispenser—as you use the material, you turn a knob that rolls up the empty end of the tube, ensuring that the entire contents are utilized with no waste.

- Recaulk gaps, joints and edges where materials—especially dissimilar materials—meet. This includes where siding boards butt together, where the siding

butts against window and door moldings, where window sashes are permanently attached to their jambs, and where the glazing (glass panes) joins door and window frames. Another House & Home Restore product, Premium Window & Door Caulk, can be used to provide a water-tight seal around exterior windows, doors and moldings. This paintable, mildew-resistant sealant also helps to prevent drafts and cold spots indoors, which increases your home's energy efficiency. And, like Patch-A-Wall Spackling Paste, it comes in an easy-to-handle tube with its own roll-up dispenser.

For more information on how to buy and use caulking products, call toll-free 1-800-4-A-DEVIL, or visit Red Devil, Inc.'s Web site at www.reddevil.com.



Prepare interior walls for painting by filling gouges and irregularities. Squeeze Patch-A-Wall Spackling Paste from the tube onto the damaged area, then use a putty knife to feather the material smooth with the wall surface. Sand the patch after it hardens.

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The 6th annual Jim Gibbons Memorial 5K Run/Walk benefiting the Evanston-based Leukemia Research Foundation will take place on Thursday, June 15, 6:30 p.m., at the Chicago lakefront Museum Campus (Roosevelt Rd. at Columbus Ave.). The Run/Walk is a Chicago Area Runners Association (CARA) registered event in memory of Jim Gibbons, an investigative reporter at ABC-TV/Channel 7 for 25 years before he succumbed to leukemia in 1994. Cost is \$17 in advance and \$22 on-site. CARA members will receive a \$1 discount for pre-registered participants. On-line registration is available at www.activeusa.com. To receive an entry form or to volunteer, call the Leukemia Research Foundation at 847-424-0780. Presenting Sponsors are Brocato America (Run) and Peregrine Financial Group (Walk). "Elite Feet" Kickoff Party set for May 18 at Liquid

The "Elite Feet" Party which serves as the annual kickoff for the Jim Gibbons Memorial 5K Run and Walk will be held on Thursday, May 18, at Liquid Nightclub, 1997 Clybourn in Chicago. Cost is \$17 and includes food, drinks, music AND

registration fee to compete in the 6th annual Jim Gibbons 5K on June 15. For more information, call 847-424-0780.

Lpn's hold convention

Lansing, IL - Registration is currently underway for the 51st Annual Convention of the Licensed Practical Nurse Association of Illinois, scheduled for Sunday through Thursday, March 26 - 30, 2000, at the Ramada Inn, 17040 S. Halsted in Harvey, IL.

Themed "LPN's: The Light of the Future - A Salute To Health Care Professionals", the five-day convention includes a Student Day, association business meetings, a workshop day, banquet, and membership breakfast.

Registration is available at the door or in advance by calling the Licensed Practical Nurse Association of Illinois at (217) 522-8026. Questions regarding the convention can also be directed to that number or via e-mail at: lpnai@compuserve.com.

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Marist has a state champion in wrestling

Marist High School participated in the IHSA Individual State Wrestling Tournament that took place at the University of Illinois, Champaign and brought home a State Championship, won by Junior, Ray Blake (Chicago 60655) 103 lbs. Other winners included 2nd Place Junior, Andres Betancourt (Sauk Village) 119 lbs., 4th Place Senior, Mike Pasternak (Calumet City) 189 lbs., 5th Place Senior, Tony Schickel (Evergreen Park) 160 lbs., 6th Place Junior, Mike Murphy (Chicago Heights) 112 lbs., State Qualifiers Junior, Dave Gentry (Calumet City) 145 lbs. and Junior, Luke Jones (Tinley Park) 130 lbs.

In picture left to right Back row: Brother Rick Carey, FMS, President; Mark G. Gervais, Varsity Wrestling Coach; Dave Gentry, Junior, State Qualifier; Tony Schickel, Senior, 5th Place; Mike Pasternak, Senior, 4th Place; Chuck Schwarz, Athletic Director; Larry Tucker, Principal. Front row: Andres Betancourt, Junior 2nd Place; Ray Blake, Junior, State Champion; Luke Jones, Sophomore, State Qualifier. Missing Mike Murphy, Junior, 6th Place.

Planning a family, class, or military reunion?

Lansing, IL - Are you in charge of planning your family, class, or military reunion? Feeling a little overwhelmed? The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau is your one-stop reunion resource, offering a variety of services for reunion planners who book their family or military reunion in the 60 south and southwest suburbs of Chicago. Best of all, the Bureau's reunion planning services are absolutely free!

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ing your reunion guests to enjoy their family and their time in the Chicago Southland!

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Reunions are special times for every family or organization... Make your reunion hassle free by calling Suzie Kinley of the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau today at (708) 895-8200.



Daley Endorses Sandoval

Commissioner Martin A. Sandoval, was honored at his party March 8, at Maggiano's Restaurant, by over 300 people from all walks of life.

Mayor Richard M. Daley, one of the dignitaries showing support to Commissioner Sandoval, endorsed him in the upcoming primary, March 21, to a two-year term with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

The commissioner is presently the only Hispanic to hold a Cook County-wide office. He was appointed by Governor Ryan to the M.W.R.D. and now must run to be elected.

He is pictured with Mayor Daley.

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Gator's Golf Guide

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Now that the importance of the set up has been stressed, let's look at the specifics of what it comprises. The set up as discussed in this article is for the right hand golfer. Let's first look at stance and posture.

Several factors need to be considered in the stance concerning the feet, their width, position, and weight distribution. The feet will be shoulder width for the mid and high irons, and slightly wider for the low irons. When using the woods, the feet will be several inches wider than shoulder width to accommodate the extra length of the club.

The feet should be positioned parallel left of the target line, with the left foot slightly turned out and the right foot either straight ahead or slightly flared out. The weight of the feet should be evenly distributed side to side, and on the balls of the feet front to back. Once the feet have been properly set, add a slight flex of the knees, which will be maintained into the follow through.

A good posture over the ball should give a golfer the freedom to swing with rhythm and tempo. A slight forward bend at the hip sockets is desirable. The arms should extend naturally downward from the shoulders in front of the body with the shoulders over the toes, and the back relatively straight. The posterior should be sticking out slightly, and the chin should be comfortably up and off the chest.

A final thought concerning stance and posture. The set up precedes the swing. Concentrate on, work on, and develop a good set up.

In my next article I'll discuss the remaining factors of the set up: alignment, grip, and ball position.

For additional information I can be contacted at: (708) 425-8637 or (708) 857-2214 at Stony Creek Driving Range, Oak Lawn

Hilton of Oak Lawn holds craft show

A spring craft show can be seen at Hilton of Oak Lawn on Sunday, April 16th, from 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

Admission charge is \$2 and children under 10 years of age are free.

Whitney's Restaurant offers a breakfast buffet from 7:00 am to 1:45 pm. A buffet luncheon of individually priced items will be served from 12:00 noon until 3:00 pm in the indoor atrium pool area.

Many homes in the American colonies—including the home of William Penn—were built from bricks that were used as ballast in the holds of ships arriving in the colonies.

Teen egg hunt scheduled at Stony Creek Golf Course

Area teenagers are invited to the Stony Creek Golf Course (5860 W. 103rd St.) on Saturday, April 15, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. for the Oak Lawn Park District's Inaugural Night Teen Egg Hunt. The event will have teens ages 12 to 17 shining their own flashlights around the course grounds in search of plastic eggs filled with candy and prizes. Special eggs will be flagged for redemption for more expensive gifts, such as

restaurant gift certificates and fitness-center memberships.

"This is a different type of program than a traditional kids' egg hunt," says Chuck Cummings, event organizer and recreation supervisor. "It's also an opportunity for teens to socialize, recreate and have fun in a structured activity."

The event is free for teens, but they must register at the park district in order to par-

ticipate.

Earlier in the day on April 15 at the golf course, the park district will host its traditional egg hunt for children ages two to eight. This egg hunt will be during daylight hours and will feature a visit from the Easter Bunny.

For more information on either event, please call the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2200.

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Cobra electronics' exclusive safety alert detection technology

Addressing the on-going effort to improve railroad safety in Illinois and to help decrease the number of dangerous or even fatal railroad crossing accidents, Cobra Electronics (NASDAQ: COBR) today announced that its exclusive Safety Alert traffic warning technology was selected by Raytheon Company to play a major role in a railroad crossing warning system being tested by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) on a high-volume railroad line in the Northern Chicago suburbs.

Illinois has the third largest highway system in the nation and its rail highway systems are among the most heavily used in terms of traffic volume. The nine-month Pilot Study of Advisory On-Board Vehicle Warning Systems at Railroad Grade Crossings project is being performed on the Northeast Illinois Railroad Corporation (Metra) - Milwaukee District North line in the six-county Chicago metropolitan region. The study provides roadway vehicles that are approaching railroad

Military

Navy Ensign Erik A. Brummerstedt, son of Nancy S. and Barry L. Brummerstedt of Burbank recently received his commission as naval officer after complete officer candidate school in Pensacola, FL.

crossings with in-vehicle detection devices that warn motorists of either a train approaching or occupying the railroad crossing.

The IDOT Pilot Study is using Cobra's Safety Alert detection technology for the warning system installed at five railroad grade crossings in Morton Grove, Deerfield, Northbrook and Glenview.

Cobra's Safety Alert in-vehicle receivers are being used in about 300 vehicles to warn motorists in advance of trains approaching or occupying a crossing. Mounted within the driver's normal range of vision, devices with Cobra's Safety Alert feature provide visual and audible warnings and are designed to help prevent railroad accidents and to alert motorists of their surroundings and the need to use caution.

As the prime contractor, Raytheon Company will serve as the system integrator. Other organizations involved in the IDOT Pilot Study include the Metro Transportation Group (MTG), a traffic-engineering firm with experience in railroad crossing design

and operation, and Calspan SRL, a provider of high technology services that recommended the appropriate locations for mounting the in-vehicle receivers in the Pilot Study vehicles. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will evaluate the IDOT Pilot Study for driver response to the on-board warning system.

"Cobra's Safety Alert in-vehicle units can be lifesavers for drivers, passengers and other motorists," said Tony Mirabelli, senior vice president of Cobra Electronics. "Drivers are often distracted by loud music in the car, conversations on cell phones, or noisy kids in the backseat. Cobra's Safety Alert technology enables drivers to prepare for potential dangers on the road," said Mirabelli.

"Safety Alert is another example of Cobra Electronics' commitment to developing state-of-the-art detection systems that increase driver, passenger and pedestrian safety," said Mirabelli.

Other motorists who own receivers with Cobra's Safety Alert technology

will be able to receive warnings of approaching trains at these five crossings. Cobra's Safety Alert detection technology is also designed to provide warnings for emergency vehicles and road construction vehicles.

Chicago-based Cobra Electronics Corporation (NASDAQ: COBR), is a leading domestic and international manufacturer of consumer electronics and two-way communications devices that help people communicate more effectively. Cobra Electronics manufactures products in a wide variety of markets, including safety/radar detection systems, two-way radios, citizen band radios and CB accessories.

Palos hospital child CPR

Would you know what to do if your child or baby was choking and needed CPR? Knowing what to do in an emergency situation can save lives.

If you're not sure, consider enrolling in Palos Community Hospital's three-hour Infant/Child CPR class, held Tuesday, April 11, Monday, April 17, and Thursday, April 27 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Learn proper cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques and ways to aid a choking infant or child. Cost is \$20 per registration.

For more information or to register, call (708) 923-5759. Palos Community Hospital is located at 12251 S. 80th Avenue in Palos Heights.

Brummerstedt is a 1994 graduate of Reavis High School.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Brian B. Fettig, son of Janet L. and Bernard J. Fettig of Evergreen Park, IL, recently reported for duty aboard the guided

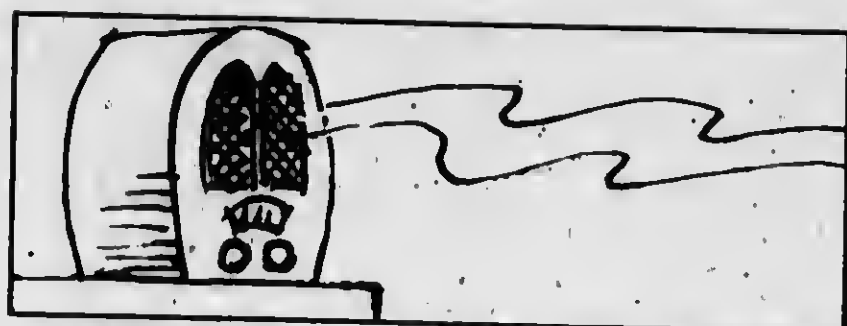
missile cruiser USS Ticonderoga, homeported in Pascagoula, Miss.

Fettig, a 1996 graduate of Evergreen Park Community High School, joined the Navy in October 1998.



St. Rita shows off Regional Championship plaque

St. Rita of Cascia High School Basketball players show off their Regional Championship plaque amid the celebration following the team's victory over Oak Park/River Forest High School last week. The win gave the Mustangs their first Regional Basketball Championship in 18 years.



Radio waves are a combination of two kinds of electric vibrations—audio frequency waves and radio frequency waves, which "carry" audio waves.

Marist Fathers club hosts special fund raiser

The Marist High School Fathers Club will host its biggest fund raiser on Saturday, April 1st from 3 PM to 12 midnight. Ticket price is \$20.00. The 35th Annual Las Vegas Night will open its doors at 3:00 PM with the new 15 game raffle. The prize money will be at \$2300.00. Tickets purchased for the raffle will be honored in the casino hall and entitles holders to a full course dinner served from 6 till 9 PM. Beverages will be served through the evening.

The evening's activities will feature door prizes and numerous games of chance. At approximately 10 PM the winning ticket for the annual SUPER BONANZA RAFFLE will be drawn and \$15,000.00 in prizes will be awarded with the grand prize of \$10,000.00 to one lucky ticket holder. Winning ticket holders need not be present to receive their winning prize.

Admission tickets are \$20.00 and include admission to the new 15 game RAFFLE, the special full

course dinner and the casino activities. The SUPER BONANZA RAFFLE are \$100.00 per chance. Tickets may be obtained through: Brother Patrick Magee at 773-881-5311.

For additional information contact Marist High School Fathers Club, 4200 West 115th Street, Chicago 60655 (773-881-5311). Chairman for this event is Paul Dalgaard, Secretary of the Fathers Club.

Food vendors and entertainment acts sought for taste of Indiana

The second annual Taste of Indiana at White River State Park is accepting applications for Indiana restaurants, bands and entertainment acts. The taste of Indiana will be held on Saturday, July 22 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. at White River State Park in downtown Indianapolis. To receive an application, please call (317) 575-8839. Approximately 20,000 people attended last year's event.

The outdoor festival in Indiana's first urban state park features more than just food. There's also music from local bands, hands-on children's activities and interactive fun from White River State Park attractions - the Indianapolis Zoo, White River Gardens, Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, IMAX Theater, Victory Field, NCAA Hall of Champions and National Institute for

Fitness and Sport.

White River State Park's 250 acres include the Indianapolis Zoo, White River Gardens, NCAA Hall of Champions, IMAX Theater, Eiteljorg Museum, the National Institute for Fitness and Sport, Victory Field, the Congressional Meal of Honor Memorial, River Promenade, Military Park, Central Canal, Old Washington Street Bridge and Celebration Plaza.



Gary Fencik to host sertoma's really BIG auction

Gary Fencik, all time Bears Defensive Leader on the Super Bowl Team, star of the "Super Bowl Shuffle" and host of the Chicago Bears pre & Post Game Show for Fox TV, will be this year's celebrity host for Sertoma's "Really BIG Auction" on March 18th. Admission is free.

Gary Fencik wanted to host Sertoma's really BIG auction

Sertoma's "Really BIG Auction" on Saturday, March 18 has something for everyone. Gary Fencik, former star of the Chicago Bears will be the host of the evening. The "Really BIG Auction" will be held at the Greater Chicago Auto Auction, 12161 S. Central Ave., Alsip. **ADMISSION IS ALWAYS FREE!!** The Silent Auction begins at 5:00 p.m. with hundreds of items from sports memorabilia, TV & music artists memorabilia, merchandise and gardening, electronics, entertainment, restaurants, unique collectibles including

Beanie Babies, golf packages, Easter baskets for adults and children, afghans, art, crafts, beer signs and more. The Live Auction begins at 7:30 p.m. with unique sports memorabilia from such greats as Walter Payton, Sammy Sosa, Dick Butkus, Joe Montana and more, a Nintendo arcade game, antique Noritake china, fishing trips, a Colorado vacation, golf package, US World Soccer Team autographed ball, Movie Premier tickets, Harley Davidson women's jacket, diamond ring and much, much more.

Food from Aurelio's, a coffee bar, bake sale and cash bar will be available.

One hundred percent of all proceeds will benefit Sertoma Centre, Inc., A non-profit agency that serves individuals with disabilities from 65 south/southwest suburbs and parts of Chicago. Programs offered include vocational training and community job placement, residential services, education, counseling and other social services. For more information on Sertoma Centre or the "Really BIG Auction" please call the Development Department at 708-371-9700.

Parish mission at our lady of loretto

Our Lady of Loretto Parish invites you to pray with us at our parish mission. Our presenters will be Father Ed Leahy and Sister Connie Schoen, both Dominicans, of the group parable. In keeping with our parish Lenten theme of "Lent 2000: Now Is the Time for Change", Sister Connie and Father Ed will enrich our Lenten Journeys. They will preach at the 5 pm Mass on April 1 and at

the 8:30 am and 11 am Masses on April 2.

Mission nights will be Monday, April 3; Tuesday, April 4 and Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm in the church. Sister Connie and Father Ed will also speak at the 8:15 am mass on Monday, 4/3; Tuesday, 4/4 and Wednesday, 4/5.

The program on Tuesday evening, April 4, will also

include the Parish reconciliation Service. All are invited to attend as many sessions as they choose. We hope you will join us.

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LOOK AROUND—Your home may be full of investment opportunities

Many economists believe the economy is growing more slowly, and in a slower growth economy. Consumers may be less willing to spend on luxury items or products and services that aren't essential to daily living. For example, they may postpone major purchases such as a new stereo system or new furniture. And they may not be eating out at restaurants as much, but consumers will still need to buy food and supplies no matter what the economy's pace.

At times like these, investors tend to gravitate toward larger companies that provide products consumers use on a daily basis. You may use many of these items in our home but not ever thought of investing in the companies that make these products. Let's take a look around the house and see what investment ideas we can find.

* Kitchen. Think about the items that are vital in your kitchen but not necessarily glamorous. For example, dishwashing detergent, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies and trash bags. These products will always be in

demand. Also, don't forget about the places where you get the food in your kitchen, grocery store chains.

* Bathroom. Like most people, you probably fill your bathroom with products made by "defensive" companies. "Defensive" companies are those that typically perform well regardless of the current economic climate. These companies make items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste and deodorant, which are constantly needed year-round. Also, pharmaceutical companies, and their many drug products, are important in everyday life, prescriptions need constant filling and consumers will always need medication to maintain their everyday health.

* Garage. When you think of your garage, the first thing that comes to mind is probably your car. Although investors own millions of shares in the automobile industry, the stocks of vehicle manufacturers may not perform as well when the economy is in a lower gear. In slower-growth economies, consumers tend to buy fewer new cars and instead may

spend more money on maintaining their existing vehicles. This presents an opportunity to consider companies such as Car-Parts Manufacturers. Auto repair shops and oil/gas suppliers.

* Other everyday items. Don't forget about the other products and services you use daily both at home and at work. For example, consumers and corporations are still buying more affordable computers and computer equipment, while office managers are still purchasing the everyday office supplies sold by general merchandise retail stores. And don't forget about utility companies such as electric, gas and telephone providers. After all, people need to keep their lights on and their homes warm.

A slower-growth economy does not signal problems for investors, it merely reminds them to be more careful about the companies they select as investments during such periods. With a little help, you can find quality companies whose products are likely to be in demand for as long your investment objectives would need. Keep in mind that

investing in stocks involves risk. Your principal value will fluctuate with changes in market conditions and you may receive more or less than your original investment when your shares are sold. Please remember that past performance is no guarantee of future results. This article was provided by A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., Member SIPC. Call for more information, Daniel G. Jakuta, 7110 W. 127th St., Palos Heights, IL 708-361-1229.

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Travel to Indiana Baden Springs

Spring is right around the corner, and nowhere is that more evident than at the partially restored West Baden Springs National Historic Landmark in Southern Indiana. With its massive dome and grand garden, the former hotel has entered the new millennium in style.

More visitors will have the opportunity to see this official American Treasure beginning April 1, when Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana's daily tours resume. New this year are thousands of flowers in the sunken garden and a small museum. A variety of musicians also will perform on periodic weekends throughout the summer.

West Baden Springs offers daily tours April 1 through Oct. 31, Monday through Saturday, from 10 am to 3 pm. On Sunday, tours run from noon to 4 pm. Tours begin on

the hour and last approximately one hour. Tickets are \$10 for adults, Children under 5 are free.

The West Baden Springs Hotel restoration began 1996, when Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana purchased the endangered property and teamed with Bloomington, Indiana-based Cook Group Incorporated to save it and prepare it for re-sale. After a \$32 million partial restoration approximately 50% of the total need directed by Cook Group, the former hotel is ready for purchase, and Historic Landmarks Foundation is seeking a new user for it. Additional restoration will depend on the new owner's plan. The property will remain a tourist attraction until it is sold. Nearly 139,000 people have toured the landmark since tours began in 1996. Call 800-450-4534 for details.

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

"You've come a long way, baby" Although that may be an overused cigarette slogan, if is true, isn't it? We have come a long way in the last one hundred years, we have sent man to the moon, gained convenience through computerizing just about everything we own and created technology that links the far corners of the world. And, what about you, personally? Just think of all that you have gone through to it where you are today-- from the job that paid minimum wage to the one that gave you the necessary experience to get ahead in your career. Remember all those painful interviews?

And remember those two dreaded questions--you know, the questions that all interviewers seemed to ask Where do you see yourself in ten years? What are your goals?

Thank goodness that's over, huh? You have a career now and you know exactly where you're headed in fact, if anyone asked you those same questions today, you could probably answer him or her without even thinking about it, right?

If "right" is the wrong answer, don't worry about it. You're not alone. Many people

approach their careers with out a 10 year vision or specific goals and they get along just fine. Of course, the truly successful people not only know their goals but also plan their actions by them. Knowing where you want to end up is only half of the battle--you also need to know how to get there.

Goals are essential to your success because they focus your energy into the direction you wish to go. Once you

determine your goals, outline the steps you need to take in order to achieve your goals. It's kind of like playing a tennis match.

Do you know what your goals are but still are a little fuzzy on how to achieve them? OR, ARE YOU GOING THROUGH YOUR CAREER WITHOUT A CLEAR FOCUS OF WHERE YOU WANT TO BE IN TEN YEARS? CALL SYNERGY SOLUTIONS INC. TODAY AT 630-393-9909.

Earn money for paper in the Chicago area

What could your school church or nonprofit organization do with extra cash? While you imagine the possibilities, why not get started.

Your group can earn money for recycling paper in the Tons of Paper, Tons of Prizes contest 2000, sponsored by Donohue Recycling, which runs April 2-May 6. Cash prizes worth \$6,000 combined are up for grabs in the Chicago area and will be awarded to eligible organizations. You can help your group win one of them.

Winners will be selected based on the amount of paper collected in their competition category during the contest. To be a contender, your organization must participate in the Donohue community paper recycling program and have a on-site yellow and green Paper Retriever bin-designated as a public drop off for recyclable paper-placed on its property as of March 31, 2000.

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Palos hospital offers "First aid for little people"

Would your youngsters know how to help themselves or someone else in an emergency?

Make sure they are prepared with the American Red Cross class, "First Aid For Little People," held at Palos Community Hospital on Thursday, April 13 from 4 to 5 p.m. This fun one-hour class teaches first-aid basics to children in kindergarten through the third grade. Topics covered include bleeding and infections, how to keep safe during a fire, what substances are poisonous, and what to do until help arrives. Cost per child is \$5.

Palos Community Hospital is located at 12251 S. 80th Avenue in Palos Heights. For more information or to register your child, call (708) 923-5759.

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House Hunting Hints

Tips For Single Buyers

(NAPS)—There's a wealth of home buying information available for single home buyers. To make the experience less intimidating, prospective buyers should do their homework before searching for a dream home. Here are six steps to get started:

1. Think carefully about what it will be like to be a homeowner. For most people, the advantages outweigh any drawbacks.

2. A mortgage lender will look at your credit history, so get a copy of your credit report and review it for mistakes.

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Midway garden society meeting

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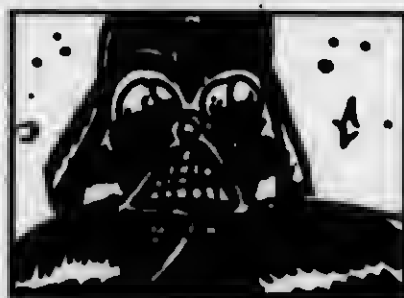
at the Wentworth Park Field house 5625 S. Mobile. The meeting starts at 6:45 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Jerry Soukal of Soukal Floral and Green houses.

Bus trips will also be discussed. The first trip will be a Lake Geneva cruise on June

8. A \$1 donation at the door is requested. For more information call (773) 847-6892.

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David Prowse—who played Darth Vader in the original Star Wars film—and James Earl Jones, who voiced the character, never met.



Candidates in upcoming primary election

At a recent meeting of the Democratic Party of Cook County a few of the candidates in the upcoming primary election from the Southwest area of Chicago were on hand.

Pictured, left to right, is Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, who is also the President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago; Commissioner Martin Sandoval and Judge Peter Flynn of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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VFW invited participation in parade

The 3rd District of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is inviting all to participate in its annual VFW Loyalty day Parade on April 30, 2000. The 3rd VFW District encompasses the area, roughly, south of Roosevelt Road and includes many of the Southwest suburbs, with 25 VFW Posts and a membership of over 5,000.

This years parade Marshal, Comrade Tony Maruszak, says that we will assemble at 63rd and Kilborn at noon on April 30, 2000; and step off at 1:00 PM. The parade route will be west to east on 63rd Street to Lawndale. After the parade, all are invited to the short memorial service at our Post home, located at 3743 W. 63rd St. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

All veteran's organizations, schools, social clubs, as well as individuals, are invited. There is a need for marching bands. Bring your unit and American flags. For further information phone Toni Maruszak at 773-858-7165. Come out and show your love of country. If you love a parade, this is for you.

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Representing St. Coletta's in their upcoming fashion show, Laurie Shields and Mary Wallace preview prom dresses with Anne Crockett, the owner of That Girl Boutique in Worth.

St. Coletta's annual fashion show is walkin on sunshine

The first annual St. Coletta's Fashion Show fundraiser will be held Saturday, April 8th at Georgios Banquets, in Orland Park. Door opens at 11 am with the show beginning at 1:00 pm. All fund-raising efforts will go towards the construction of the new Kennedy Vocational Training Center in Tinley Park, IL.

Models for the fashion show will be both professional and nonprofessional. Models in the PROM portions on the show will be St. Coletta's clients and Andrew High School students. Tickets are \$35 per person. For reservation call 708-923-3215.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15 at 10:00 am. Rain or shine our Egg Hunt will begin on time! Attention!!! Due to the Park Department construction, the 2000 Egg Hunt will take place at a different location, Indian Woods Park, 100th St. & 82nd Ave. Children (age Tot - 10 yrs.) have an opportunity to hunt eggs and win a special Easter Basket! Egg hunters will be grouped according to age and hunt in designated areas. Winners of special Easter baskets must be present. Bring a basket or container for the eggs. For information call 430-4500.

Dr. German House Victorian Fashion Show/Afternoon Tea

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering a trip to the Dr. German House for a Victorian Fashion Show and Afternoon Tea on Thursday, April 6.

Departure from the Palos Hills Golf Course.. 7301 W. 105th St. at 10:45 am and return at 3:30 pm. The fee is \$27.00. Register now at the Park Department temporary location 8017 W. 103rd St. Registration deadline is March 20.

For information call 430-4500.

Chicago Ridge Library is having a sale

The Friends of the Chicago Ridge Library are having a Bakery and Bookery sale on Saturday April 1 and Sunday April 2, 2000 at the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 6301 W. Birmingham. The sale will take place during regular library hours on these days and will feature books, magazines, videos and baked goods. Stop by and find a treasure! For more information, call the library at (708) 423-7753.

Trinity Christian college seeks hikers for Cystic Fibrosis walk

On April 15th, Trinity is hosting a walk to raise funds for cystic fibrosis research in the hopes of finding a cure for the deadly disease affecting the lungs. Registration is from 8:30 am to 10:00 am on the college campus at the Mitchell Memorial Gymnasium. Whether you participate by walking or sponsoring friends and relatives, your support is invaluable to the 30,000 children and young adults who face cystic fibrosis every day.

For more information on how to become a part of Trinity's effort to help those suffering from CF, contact event coordinator Nick deVries at 708-383-1338. Trinity Christian College

is located between Harlem and Ridgeland avenues at 6601 W. College Drive, Palos Heights, IL. 60463. For more information contact 708-239-4827, or www.trnty.edu

Chicago Ridge library holds taste demonstrations

The friends of the Chicago Ridge Library is hosting an open house demonstration featuring Tastefully Simple products on Tuesday, March 21 at 7 pm at the Chicago Ridge Public Library 6301 W. Birmingham, Chicago Ridge, IL. Refreshments will be served and Tastefully Simple Products are available on a cash and carry basis.

Come on out and try something new.

For more information or to register for the program. Call The library at 708-423-7753.

Donations are wanted at Chicago Ridge Library

The Friends of the Chicago Ridge Library are seeking donations of gently used books, magazines, audio or video tapes, CDs of puzzles for a book and bake sale to be held April 1 and 2 at the library. Donations may be dropped off at the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 6301 W. Birmingham, from September 20-23. Donations of baked goods are also welcome on April 1 or 2. Thank you!

Historic Geneva, IL

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering a trip to Geneva, IL on Wednesday, May 17.

The cost is \$15.00 (transportation only) lunch is on your own. Registration deadline is May 3rd. For information call 430-4500.

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Palos hospital offers alcohol screening day

Could you or someone you know have an alcohol or substance abuse problem? Do you know the warnings signs that might suggest a chemical dependency? Don't adopt a "wait and see" attitude - take the first step and find out for sure at Palos Community Hospital's Alcohol's Screening Day.

Participants will see an educational video, hear a presentation, complete a 10-minute screening questionnaire and speak with a substance abuse counselor at this all-day health screening event being held Thursday, April 6, at the PCH Primary Care Center, 15300 West Avenue in Orland Park.

For more information or to register in advance, call (708) 460-2370.

Bunny Lunch

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is hosting a Bunny Lunch on Saturday, April 15, at approximately 10:30 am. The lunch will immediately follow the Egg Hunt and (this year only due to the Park Dept. construction) will be held at the Palos Hills Golf Course, 7301 W. 105th St. A catered lunch will be served.

There will also be entertainment followed by a visit with the bunny. All children must be accompanied by an adult and all attending must pay the \$6.00 fee. Registration is currently taking place. Deadline to register is April 7.

No refunds will be granted after registration deadline. Register at the Palos Hills Park Department temporary location, 8017 W. 103rd St. or call for information at 430-4500.

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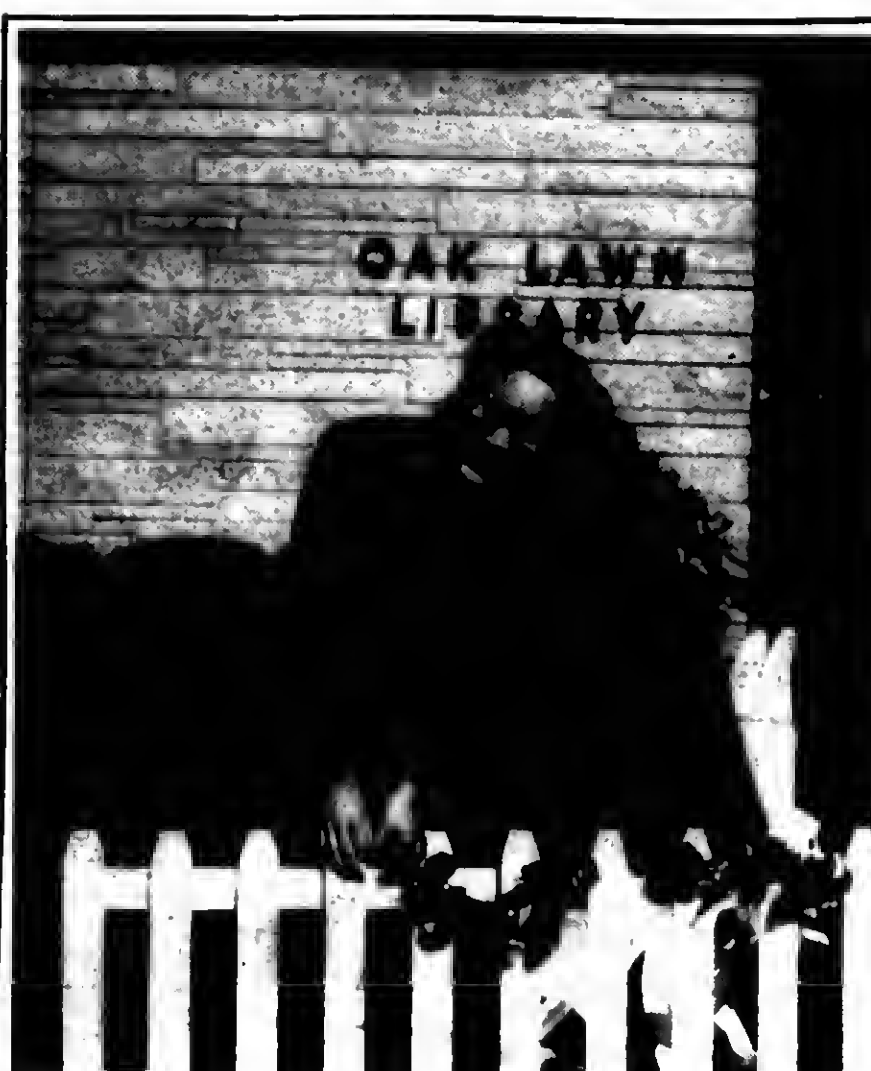
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- * April 12 @ 7 p.m. -- "Asia As I Saw It," a Travelog
- * April 13 @ 7 p.m. -- "Open Mike Readings"
- * April 15 @ 2 p.m. -- "Charlotte's Web" for Kids

Tickets will be available at the Youth Services Desk April 1 Stop by our Community Information Centers in the lobby for details!

For additional information call Linda Olsen in Public Relations, 708-422-4990, or visit our web site, www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us

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God's Grace

Our world is viewed by God as but a speck

Spinning crazily through His endless space

With all we tiny mortals clinging there,
Held on by gravity, tendered by His grace.

Mountains, rivers, mere scratches on the land;

Dragged through the earth by fingers of his hands,

Deserts' dunes, minute piles of lowing sand,

Boulders, as tiny pebbles tossed upon the strand.

Those mighty oceans seen as mere drops now,

Of salty sweat from God's so massive brow.

Humans as creeping mites by Him perceived,

Small creatures He could easily retrieve.

Could man compare with God's omnipotence?

Why do we boast of our small consequence,

When, with one swipe He could destroy, I fear,

Our spinning world and all that we hold dear?

by Nina Marshall
Chicago Lawn



Cub scouts help our environment by performing a service

by Annette Dixon

One of the requirements for earning a conservation award is to perform a service project.

Several Cub scouts from Pack 4671 V.F.W. Post 5220 were picking up debris from the outside surroundings of Columbus Manor School at 97th and Mayfield in Oak Lawn.

With their leader, Diane Pedigo and assistant leader and chaperones, the boys were doing an enthusiastic, fine job.

Badges, awards are what Cub scouts work toward, but in the process of their earning an award, they learn to achieve the most they can by the knowledge it takes in order to receive the award.

Cub scouts are trying to earn their Cub Scout World Conservation Award and this is just one project toward earning that award.

What a wonderful idea that was for the boys not only to clean the surroundings of a school but knowing that it is the place where they meet each week therefore wanting

it to remain clean. This project will hopefully encourage them to continue to pick up paper and debris whenever they see it.

Easter Musical at Moraine Valley Church

Everyone is invited to enjoy the Easter Musical, "Save in The Cross," with us. It will be presented by the Moraine Valley Church choir, cast, and orchestra. This takes place on Saturday, April 15th, at 7:00 PM and Sunday, April 16th, at 6:00 PM at Moraine Valley Church, 6300 W. 127th in Palos Heights, Ill. There is no charge and child care is provided. For more information please call 708-389-1268.

Oak Lawn arts and craft fair

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will hold a business showcase 140 crafters. They will have a bake sale, face painting, and delicious food in the crafty diner. There will also be free pictures with the Easter Bunny and free moonwalk for the kids. There is also free admission.

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Oak Lawn Mayor Kolb gives an accounting of his war days for our view of the century

Conversation with Oak Lawn Mayor Ernie Kolb: Reflections of a hero next door.

By: F.J. Soczek

Many people know Oak Lawn Mayor Ernie Kolb on a personal level. Friends. Neighbors. Co-workers. Years of involvement in the often tumultuous political arena and subsequent exposure in the media have made his visage a familiar sight.

But many people also know very little about the private side of a man who oversees and assures the critical direction of a rapidly growing community.

I have lived in Oak Lawn for many years and, despite what I felt was an intimate familiarity with Village affairs, I found myself, indeed, in the latter category.

Recently, Mayor Kolb graciously took the time over a cup of coffee (several, actually) to offer me a brief glimpse into some of the travails and triumphs that have forged his unique persona.

And afterward, I walked away with a new found understanding and respect for a man, I discovered, I never really knew before.

It was Christmas morning, 1945. A gentle snow was falling as a young man stepped off the train platform to the quiet streets of sleeping city celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace.

The war was now truly over. There were no brass bands or cheering crowds to celebrate his homecoming. There were no photographers from *Life* magazine present to capture forever the fleeting moment at Dearborn Station when SP/C2 Ernie Kolb finally returned home after enduring 36 months of living hell in the South Pacific.

Ernie Kolb's story began in the "old neighborhood," 55th & Shields in Chicago. His father was a tailor of Austrian ancestry who operated a small shop at 71st & Racine. Young Ernie attended Altgeld Grammar School and Parker High School.

It was while attending the latter institution that he enrolled in the CMTC, (Civilian Military Training Corps) which, in the years of 1938 & 1939 responded to the foreboding political climate in Europe.

The CMTC Camp McCoy in Sparta, Wisconsin, still retained vestigial military implements of the 19th century. Kolb's duties included cleaning stables for the horse drawn artillery corps and polishing saddles. Little did he realize that in a few short years, he would witness an historic watershed with birth of the atomic era.

Following his High School graduation, Ernie Kolb signed up for the draft in 1940. During his school years, he worked as a runner for the *Drovers Journal*, a trade paper for the livestock industry.

The job market at the time was quite tenuous due to the war in Europe. Facing the painful uncertainty of not knowing when he would be called to duty, Ernie Kolb enlisted in the Navy. Besides, he thought, at least he would not be spending time in the cold and rain like he might in the Army.

Kolb's assignment to the Sea Bees, an engineering branch of the military endeavor which demanded strenuous physical labor under a scorching tropical sun, did little to enforce his perceived notion that Navy life would be

inherently more comfortable.

In early 1942, while on a brief stop-over in Pearl Harbor, Ernie Kolb witnessed first hand the portentous scene that would remain etched in his psyche to this day. Mighty ships lay twisted on their sides. Patches of oil still burned on the surface of the water. The horrendous specter of death cast a dark pall over the tropical paradise.

Ernie Kolb's troop ship arrived on the Island of Saipan amidst a bloody, suicidal *Kamikaze* attack. The ancient vessels shook violently with each successive attack.

Throughout the ordeal, Japanese snipers took a heavy toll on the Sea Bees as they carved an aircraft landing field out of solid rock.

Ernie Kolb and his buddies waved as formations of sleek, silver B-29 bombers departed from nearby Tinian Island. And tearfully bore witness to countless untold sorrows of brave men who never returned.

And then, one day in August, a solitary avenging angel nicknamed *Enola Gay* unleashed an apocalyptic ball of fire that would change the world forever.

And only then, did the heroes return. One by one. To farms. Villages. Towns. And for Ernie Kolb, to the loving embrace of his sister, brother-in-law and future wife, Peggy.

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The time is now for circuit-breaker increase

Dozens of member of the Illinois General Assembly met with top AARP leaders at the State Capitol this month to discuss issues in the 2000 legislative session important to older Illinoisans.

Volunteers from AARP's Illinois State Legislative Committee (SLC) hosted their annual legislative Breakfast February 10th. The major issue discussed at the breakfast was how to restructure the state's Circuit Breaker Pharmaceutical Assistance program to help more seniors reduce their high monthly prescription drug costs.

SLC Chair, Lois Ganyard said AARP supports changes to the program that would raise the circuit breaker income eligibility limit from the current \$16,000 per year to 250% of the federal poverty level, which is approximately \$21,000 for an individual and \$28,000 for couples. AARP is also supporting expanding the current coverage cap of \$800 per year, lowering fees and eliminating unnecessary waiting periods before a qualified senior can receive assistance with prescription drug bills.

Legislators also were urged to support Senate Bill 1875 sponsored by Senator Adeline Geo-Karis which would amend the state's current telephone solicitation law to prohibit one time bank drafts passed unanimously by the Senate. Senate Bill 1875 is sponsored in the House by Representative Anne Zickus, (R-Palos Hills).

HB 3988, was introduced at the request of Comptroller Dan Hynes, also creates a fund to help with the cleanup of abandoned cemeteries. A loophole in the current law allows anyone-including con artists- to access a bank account if they have the account holder's bank number, account number and social security number. Some thieves have used bank drafts to drain thousands of dollars from unsuspecting consumers, claiming they needed the account number to verify that the account holder had won a valuable prize.

AARP is the nation's leading organization for people 50 and over. It serves their needs and interests through education and advocacy.



LOCAL MAYORS VISIT LEGISLATORS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

On Thursday, March 23, mayors from the South Suburbs gathered at the State Capitol in Springfield for the annual Local Mayors and Illinois Municipal League Day. Pictured from left to right: State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park), Chicago Ridge Mayor Gene Siegel, Oak Lawn Mayor Ernie Kolb, State Representative Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest), Evergreen Park Mayor Anthony Vacco and State Representative Tom Dart (D-Chicago).

Phoenix The bible league opens new group ministries in Central Europe

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group for separated, divorced and widowed individuals who meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month will feature Father Robert Rohrich on Thursday, April 13th. Father Rohrich will speak on "Divorce, Dying & Rising." Doors will open at 7:00 pm. and the meeting will start at 8:00 pm.

The Bible League is pleased to announce expanded ministry in Hungary and a new work in Macedonia. Already active in Romania, Bulgaria, and Albania, as well as in more than 60 other countries around the world. The Bible League is now responding to believers in Hungary and Macedonia who have shown a desire for a ministry of Scripture placement through evangelism, discipleship, and church planting.

The Hungarian government has expressed concern about the moral decline of its young people in recent years. In response, laws have been passed that require the teachings of Jesus in their public schools. Every Hungarian child, by the age of 16, must learn about the life of Christ and the origin of Christianity, and have some knowledge of the Bible. The Bible League is partnering with Campus Crusade for Christ in Hungary to help carry out this requirement. The Bible League has provided Scriptures for Campus Crusade's "Take JESUS to School" and "Youth at the Threshold of

Life" programs, allowing the Gospel to be communicated to over 400,000 Hungarian students, teachers, and parents. This partnership is continuing, allowing Hungarian students to be reached through camps, clubs, and retreats in addition to school.

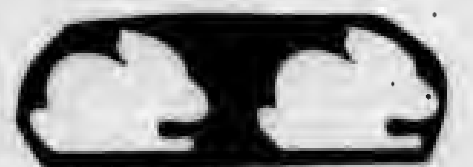
The Bible League has appointed Andrea Muszka, a local Christian who has invested several years in ministry, to administer the expansion of the work in Hungary; an office in Budapest will open in the next few weeks. In addition to continuing the partnership efforts with Campus Crusade, both in the public schools and in an area with a strong military presence, The Bible League will now be expanding the ministry in Hungary with evangelical Scripture placement, Bible study, and discipleship.

In Macedonia, translation has begun on Bible study materials so that Scripture placement can begin in the fall of 2001. Macedonian believers, committed to beginning evangelical churches in areas where none exist, are mid-way through their training and have already begun

home Bible studies that will become churches. For now, The Bible League's Bulgaria office will oversee the ministry in Macedonia. Because of the large number of Albanian-speaking people in Macedonia, Albanian materials will also be provided.

The Bible League is a worldwide Scripture placement ministry, committed to bringing people to Christ through a knowledge of His Word. In 1999, The Bible League provided over 21 million Scriptures worldwide and gathered 13 million people in small group Bible studies; Bible League-trained believers established over 2,560 churches in 1999.

For more information, please contact Rev. Robert Martin, Director of Central and Eastern Europe Ministries. The Bible League is located at 16801 Van Dam Road, South Holland, Illinois 60473, and can be reached at 800-334-7017 or 708-331-2094.



Garden needs donations

Garden center for the handicapped needs rummage for their semiannual rummage sale. Donation of rummage will be accepted Monday through Friday 8 am - 4 pm at 8333 South Austin Ave. Burbank.

Rumage sale will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 13, 14, and 15th 9 am until noon. This will include a bake sale. For more information call 708-636-0054, extension 10.

Lipinski announces 32nd annual all American boy and girl program

Congressman Bill Lipinski (D-3rd) announced that his 32nd annual "All American Boy and Girl" program has been scheduled for this year. This program which highlights boys and girls from the Congressional District is designed to congratulate and applaud the boys and girls in 7th and 8th grade who have made a difference in their respective schools, communities or villages.

The program is a two step procedure, with students first filling out the application, finalists are then chosen

and are interviewed by a panel of judges to select the winners.

This program started when Bill Lipinski was a pard supervisor has graduated into the corner stone of his youth programs.

Students can receive an application at any of Lipinski's 3 service offices, 5239 West 95th Street (in Oak Lawn) (708) 923-6275, 5832 S. Archer Ave., (in Chicago) (312) 886-0481, and 19 Hillgrove (in LaGrange) (708) 352-0524, or they can call one of the

offices to have one mailed out to them.

All the schools in the 3rd Congressional District have already received applications.

Deadline for applications is scheduled for April 7th, 2000. The judging will take place April 12th, 2000 and the program will take place at the Mayfield Banquet Hall located at 6072 South Archer. On Friday evening April 14th, 2000.

For additional information please contact Rita Pula at (708) 352-0524.



NumAstrology & Your Month Ahead

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April 2000... Psychic Predictions For All Signs For All Signs. I use NumAstrology [combining Numerology with Astrology... Plus my Psychic Insight]. Initials can be first or last names of people.

For those born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Ask yourself, "who says I can't do this!" You can and you will when you want to! Decision making has not been your downfall, but, procrastination has crept in on you from time to time. So, now is the time to make plans, stand by them and let someone in the signs of Gemini, Pisces and R aid you.

For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Actually the message for Leo applies to you too, except someone T can be your best help. Read anything you can about financial betterment. You can achieve a higher financial status soon. Believe in You!

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: You might find yourself marveling at the insight you get from children or child-like people. B and N involved in some very special way. You can't or should not live in the past. It is time to forgive others and yourself too. Forgiveness heals! Believe it.

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: The challenges you think you have overcome to date are nothing compared to the challenge of getting your financial matters in order. You should be getting more money into your life through a form of inheritance. L helps if asked and Leo.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You have finally come to understand the most important person in your life, You! Yes, you count too. No one is perfect so don't accept condemnation. Walk each day a step at a time and you will succeed. B and someone in the sign of Leo can help.

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Your days seem to fly by so fast that you appear to yourself to be either getting up or laying down. Yes, days turn into years so fast...but, you have to slow them down with specific planning. F and R involved and someone in the sign of Aries.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Try to remember what it was like to be a child, all hopeful and wide-eyed. Well, this is one of those weeks when you can actually relate to wonderment and exciting things. C or K aids you. Eat less.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Who can shut out the song of the bird even through closed windows? Remember this, all things are possible, especially for you this week. Reach for the stars. Reach out in love to others. You are being watched and imitated. J helps.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: A close friend, or a parent seems to know exactly what you need. Be prepared to meet new, influential people who can aid your career, and even make you a kind of a star! Steven or S is listening.

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spotlight on health

Secret To Weight Loss May Be At The Tip Of Your Nose

(NAPS)—While obesity is reaching epidemic proportions in the United States, with over 30 percent of the population seriously overweight, for many people looking to lose weight the answer may be right under their noses.

According to a group of researchers, certain smells can help people lose weight.

"Simply inhaling certain specific scents before eating resulted in an average weight loss of 19 pounds in only three months" in a recent study which was published in the *Journal for Advancement in Medicine*, explains Dr. Charles B. Hensley, one of the researchers and the chairman of the non-profit research lab called BioTem Cytotechnologies.

The theory is the specially formulated aromas cause the body to believe it has already eaten. This increases a person's feeling of fullness so he or she consumes less food.

Now, a Harvard-trained doctor, Joan Katz, MD, and other research scientists are calling for participants to be involved in a study to see how easy it can be to comply with this theory.

Participants need not count calories, go on special diets or change their current levels of exercise. The researchers are seeking people who are at least ten pounds overweight, have a good sense of smell and are willing to remain on the program and fill out a one page form each month for a year. The study will supply the pen-like aromatherapy product each month for no product cost. (Normally, for the 12-month term, that cost would be \$588). Selected participants can consult a study doctor at any time.

To see if you meet the qualifications to be selected for this study, you can call, toll-free, 1-877-MD-STUDY (1-877-637-8839).

Presenting a spring concert

The Southwest Community Concert Band, under the direction of Leo J. Henning, will be presenting it's annual Spring Concert on Sunday, April 9, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. in the Dorothy Menker Theater of Moraine Valley Community College, 10900 S. 88th Avenue, Palos Hills, IL. The theme of the concert will be "War" and will include music from various war eras, including The Civil War and World War II.

Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$5.50 for students and senior citizens. For ticket info please call: (708) 974-5500.

If you have any Questions, or would like more information about the band, please call me at: (708) 636-4678.

Thank you for your help and cooperation, Pam Pytko.

Registration opens for Southwest Suburban walkamerica 2000

Registration is now open for the 30th anniversary March of Dimes WalkAmerica. The 6-mile Southwest Suburban walk-athon will be held on Sunday, April 30th, 2000 at Yankee Woods in Oak Forest beginning at 9:00 am.

Last year, the surrounding community raised more than \$40,000 to benefit lifesaving research and innovative prevention programs that help save the lives of millions of babies, including countless infants in the Southwest Suburban communities. Individuals, organizations and

corporations will unite once again this year to show their support.

There are numerous ways to become involved with the Southwest Suburban Walk, including sponsorship and in-kind donation opportunities. Among this year's supporters are TCF National Bank and Superior Bank. Participants in the Southwest Suburban WalkAmerica 2000 will be joining thousands of other volunteers throughout the country who hope to defeat infant mortality and birth defects.

The March of Dimes is a

national voluntary health agency dedicated to improving the health of expectant mothers and infants through programs of education, research, advocacy and community service. WalkAmerica is the country's oldest walk-a-thon and raises more than \$1 billion each year nationally. For more information about registering to walk and various sponsorship opportunities available for the Southwest Suburban WalkAmerica 2000, please contact Colleen Robbins at 312/435-4007.

State library grant allows Moraine Valley to link with 75 other libraries

Moraine Valley students and area residents who want to obtain information from the college's Learning Resources Center will soon be able to do so simply by going to their neighborhood library.

Moraine Valley has received a \$10,850 Educate and Automate grant from the Illinois State Library System that will allow the college in Palos Hills to connect by the fall semester to the 75 libraries that make up the Suburban Library System. The

college will use the funds to purchase the computer software needed to connect the suburban library system's online resources with the Learning Resources Center.

Patrons at any of these libraries will be able to log onto the Internet and search Moraine Valley's online public access catalog lists of over 76,500 titles of books, periodicals, and audiovisual materials and full-text databases. In turn, students at the college's Learning Resources Center will be able to access

the Suburban Library System's one million titles of books, periodicals, audiovisual materials, and other library software.

"We are pleased to receive this grant award," said Diane Grund, assistant vice president for Educational Services and Innovations. "The award acknowledges the commitment of Moraine Valley and the Learning Resources Center to share resources for the benefit of the community and students."

For more information, phone Mark Hörstmeier, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275



(NAPS)—A healthier life may be easier to achieve with the expert advice found on a new online resource for women of all ages. The Vagail Women's Health Center™ (VWHC) web site features a comprehensive set of guidelines to good feminine health. Researched and developed by medical experts, the guide-

lines cover three major phases of a woman's life—the teen years, the reproductive years and menopause. For more information, visit the web site at www.vagail.com.

To find out about wildfire risk assessment, and a new Structure Ignition Assessment Model that homeowners can use to assess their risks of fire, visit the Firewise web site at www.firewise.org.

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Oak Lawn BPW scholarship raffle

The Oak Lawn Business and Professional Women (BPW) are now selling tickets for "The Mary R. Lotz Memorial Scholarship Fund" cash raffle. First prize is \$1,000; second prize is \$500; and third prize is \$250. Raffle ticket donations are \$5 each; or six tickets for \$25.

The drawing will be held Wednesday, May 3 at 9 p.m. at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero, during the club's regular monthly meeting. The evening's program will feature the Dance Tapestry Image Ensemble performing a dance and musical retrospective of the last century, 1999-2000. For

dinner reservations, call Kay Grancevicz, 708-636-8508, after 4 p.m.

Mary R. Lotz was a founding member and the charter president of the Oak Lawn Business and Professional Women. During her lifetime, she was the proprietor of "The House of Mary," a women's fashion store, active on the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and an inspiration to working women and entrepreneurs in the Oak Lawn area. Ms. Lotz died on January 29, 2000.

If less than 1,000 tickets are sold, the total prize money will be adjusted

proportionately.

The Oak Lawn Business and Professional Women annually award educational scholarships to local women who display exemplary academic and personal achievement.

To find out how you can purchase raffle tickets call, Ginger Morgan, 708-423-1538. To find out how you can become a member of the Oak Lawn BPW, call Cathryn Jama, president, 708-636-4147.

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St. Rita of Cascia High School Sophomore, Jovanny Duran, poses next to the poster which won him a trip to Israel. Jovanny is pictured along with Rabbi Larry Edwards (left) and Fr. Thomas McCarthy, O.S.A., St. Rita Pastora Director.

Boy graduated from military training in Air Force

Air Force Airman Joseph P. Gaspero has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Gaspero earned distinction as an honor graduate of the course.

He is the son of Linda M. Gaspero of 8621 S. Nagle, Burbank, Ill., and Anthony F. Gaspero of 2458 W. Superior St., Chicago, Ill.

He is a 1999 graduate of St. Laurence High School, Burbank.

"Asia as I saw it" presented at Library

Experience "Asia As I Saw It," a travelog slide presentation by Susan Baird, Wednesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Admission is free. First come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room.

Susan Baird, Head of the library's Patron Services Department since 1985, traveled through cities, villages and some of the most remote regions of Asia during four months in 1998. At this special program, she will share stories and slides chronicling her experiences with foreign customs, religions and everyday life in Nepal, Mongolia, India, Siberia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, China and Hong Kong.

This program is part of their National Library Week celebration, April 9-15.

A complete schedule of adult programs offered at the Oak Lawn Public Library is available at their Community Information Centers, first floor, and at their web site www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us. For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

OCS offers programs at activity center

The Office of Citizens' Services offers Evergreen Park men and women (age 40+) an opportunity to spend an enjoyable morning or afternoon at the Village Activity Center, 3228 W. 98 St. Open gym has been scheduled for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday -- 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Activities available are basketball,

volleyball, ping pong and shuffleboard. You do not need to have a team; however, in order to use the gym you must register with OCS.

We would like to expand our table tennis club (currently meeting on Thursday at 1:00 P.M.) for possible summer tournaments, and see shuffle board get a new beginning.

There may be times when OCS open gym would be closed due to other events. Please phone 708-422-8776 before going to the gym.

Program offered by EP police academy

E.P. Police Academy, a free program offered by Office of Citizens' Services in cooperation with Evergreen Park Police Department under the direction of Detective Wayne Gutkowski, will be held at the Community Center for 7 weeks---Tuesday, April 18-May 30 (1:00-3:00 P.M.)

The 7-week course is limited to the first 35 registrants. Sign up at OCS, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park, or

phone 708-422-8776 to register.

Through weekly topics and speakers you will learn the differences in Federal, State and Local Police Departments, the Criminal Justice System, criminal law, investigative procedures and the history of the police department. Participants completing the program will receive certificates at the graduation ceremony which will be held at the final meeting on May 30.

St Rita student wins trip to Israel

St. Rita of Cascia High School student Jovanny Duran, a sophomore has won a nationwide poster contest for Catholic and Jewish high school students sponsored by the American Jewish Committee (AJC). The contest was held to mark the visit of Pope John Paul II to Israel. Duran won an all expense paid trip to Israel that coincided with the Papal pilgrimage. He attended a special youth Mass that was celebrated by the Pope at the Mount of Beatitudes and toured Jerusalem, Galilee, and other areas.

Rabbi Larry Edwards has been visiting and teaching St. Rita students about Jewish history, beliefs, and practices for the past two years. Rabbi Edwards told St. Rita Pastora Director Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A. about the contest, and Fr. McCarthy announced the contest to the student body. Duran, who has been drawing and painting since he was a small child entered the contest with a striking acrylic painting depicting the Star of David, a cross, and a flaming heart, a symbol of the Augustinian Order which owns and operates the school.

The symbols are interwoven in a message of peace and good will. The winning entry was taken to Israel and presented to Vatican Officials during the Pope's visit. Back in the United States the poster will be displayed at the American Jewish Committee's annual meeting in Washington, D.C. in May.

Duran said, "that winning the contest was quite and shock. Duran was accompanied on the trip by Rabbi Edwards and Fr. McCarthy. His surprise was the honor he received by the Tourism Bureau of Israel and being with the Pope. This was an unforgettable trip", said Duran.

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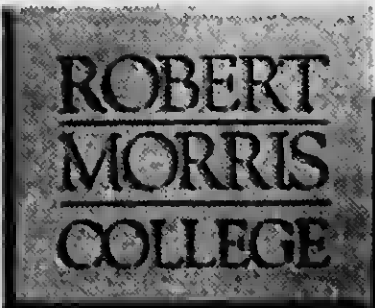
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CAPE Fruit offers forty such recipes in "Glorious Grapes and Other Fabulous Fruit Recipes," a beautifully produced spiral-bound cookbook valued at \$10. From sandwiches and snacks to salads and main courses, the cookbook offers a variety of tasty meals as well as complete nutritional information for CAPE grapes, apples and pears. The cookbook is available for a \$3.50 postage and handling charge.

It has been established that the optimum diet should include five servings of fruit and vegetables daily, but most people fall far short of achieving this goal. Incorporating fruit directly into recipes is an easy solution and

spectacular CAPE grapes make a welcome addition. These huge, vine-ripened grapes can transform many a dish with their juicy sweet taste and texture and their vibrant deep purple-black color. Take PORK TENDERLOIN WITH GRAPE-CURRY SAUCE, a simple yet elegant recipe ideal for entertaining. Lean pork tenderloins pair well with the subtle flavors of fresh ginger and curry in a sauce accented with chutney and grapes. A dash of cream is added to round out the sauce that's equally tasty with boneless chicken breasts.

Carrots are a favorite comfort food and the addition of succulent grapes is a great way to dress them up. In GLAZED CARROTS AND GRAPES, carrots are cooked first then glazed with butter and balsamic vinegar. The grapes, added at the end until just heated through, provide a delightful taste contrast.

To order "Glorious Grapes and Other Fabulous Fruit Recipes," send your name, address and a check

for \$3.50 (made out to Fisher Capespan) to CAPE Fruit, P.O. Box 1044, Grand Rapids, MN 55745-1944.

Pork Tenderloin with Grape-Curry Sauce

The flavors of sweet grapes, curry and chutney are a wonderful compliment to pork. Serve with basmati rice or couscous.

- 1-1/4 pounds (625 g) pork tenderloin, cut into 1/2" (1 cm) slices
- 1 tablespoon (15 mL) vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) chopped green onions
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 1-1/2 teaspoons (7 mL) minced fresh gingerroot
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) chicken stock
- 1 teaspoon (5 mL) cornstarch
- 3 tablespoons (50 mL) fruit chutney such as mango or papaya
- 1-1/2 teaspoons (7 mL) curry powder or to taste
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) heavy cream
- 1 cup (250 mL) black grapes, halved and seeded
- Salt and pepper

- 2 tablespoons (25 mL) chopped fresh coriander or parsley

Heat a large non-stick skillet over high heat; add oil and cook pork slices until browned and almost cooked through. Transfer to a plate and keep warm. Reduce heat to medium. Add green onions, garlic and gingerroot; cook, stirring, for 1 to 2 minutes. Combine stock and cornstarch; add to skillet along with chutney and curry powder. Cook until sauce comes to a boil and thickens slightly. Add pork pieces, cream and grapes; cook 2 minutes more or until heated through. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with coriander or parsley before serving.

Makes 4 servings

Glazed Carrots and Grapes

- Black grapes add a delightful sweet note to this appealing vegetable dish.
- 1-1/2 lbs (750 g) carrots, peeled and cut into 2" thin strip
- 2 tablespoons (25 mL) butter
- 2 tablespoons (25 mL) balsamic vinegar
- 1 cup (250 mL) black grapes, halved and seeded
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons (25 mL) chopped fresh parsley

Cook carrot strips in lightly salted boiling water for 5 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain. Return carrots to saucepan; add butter and balsamic vinegar. Cook over medium heat, stirring often, until liquid evaporates and carrots are glazed. Add grapes and heat through. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with parsley and serve.

Makes 6 servings



Post Emily Dickinson published only seven poems during her lifetime, all anonymously.

Meeting for the Evergreens

The EVERGREENS meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 P.M. in

the Auditorium of the H. B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park. This group is a social group, which meets "just for fun." New members are always welcome. Dues are \$3 per year. A \$1 fee per meeting is paid at the door to cover refreshments.

Future meeting dates include:
- April 5 - "Easter"
- May 3 - Crazy Bunco

How to survive heart attack when alone

The American Association of Oriental Medicine says you should take as deep a breath as possible, and cough as if you have the worst cough as if you have the worst cough if your life. Cough heavily again, followed by another deep breath every two seconds until help arrives, or your heart starts beating normally. Deep breaths bring oxygen into lungs, and the cough squeezes the heart to keep blood moving. For more information, visit www.AAOM.org.

American Jewish congress tours to 41 countries on all continents

Sponsor of the world's oldest and largest Jewish tour program, the American Jewish Congress this week unveiled its 96-page catalog of tours for 2000 and 2001. Founded in 1958 to honor Israel's 10th anniversary, the AJCongress International Travel Program is offering 2000 tours to Israel, the United States and 39 other countries. Each trip combines the major cities and sites that no American would dream of missing, along with unique glimpses of Jewish life, past and present, on all six continents.

Ten different tours are offered to Europe, from traditional "roots" visits to Eastern Europe, to tours covering Belgium, Holland, Spain, Scandinavia, France, Hungary, the Czech Republic and, new for 2000, two different itineraries in Italy. Visits to Austria, usually prominent in the program, have been placed on hold to protest the make-up of the

country's new coalition government.

New for 2000 in Israel is an updated *Israel Adventure* tour, designated an "Eco-Tour for a new Millennium," that involves participants in rafting, hiking, jeeping, camel rides as well as a side trip to Petra in Jordan. Also new is *Israel and Three continents Cruise*, a trip combining a week in Israel with a cruise aboard the new *Olympic Voyager* to Athens, the Greek Islands, Turkey and Egypt, South America, the Galapagos Islands, Kenya, India and, new for 2000, Guatemala.

AJCongress' hallmark is quality - always electing to upgrade travelers' hotels and experiences. Key to this process, says Betty Van Dyke, director of the AJCongress International Travel Program, is including as much as possible in advance so that participants are not burdened with paying for options and

extras. A key feature of an American Jewish Congress tour is the presence of an experienced Tour Manager, whose job is to be a full-time host, not merely a tour coordinator. Wherever

AJCongress groups travel they visit synagogues, Jewish sites, meet members of local Jewish communities and are briefed on Jewish life.

A significant element of the AJCongress program are tours for singles, and a special singles' presentation will take place at AJCongress' headquarters in New York on April 13. A separate presentation open to all categories of travelers is set for April 16. The AJCongress International Travel Program is a membership of the American Jewish Congress.

For further information, or for a free copy of the AJCongress 96-page 2000 brochure, call 212-879-4588 or 800-221-4694, or e-mail to ajcongresstours@aol.com.

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Is automatic withholding for you

Here's a reminder from Social Security. If you are one of the eight million people who pay taxes on your Social Security benefits, you can now have your taxes withheld from your payments, automatically. In fact, since it was first offered a year ago, more than 62,000 people have signed up for this convenient service offered jointly by Social Security and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

To take advantage of automatic withholding, complete IRS form W-4V, Voluntary Withholding Request. Select the percentage of your monthly benefit you want withheld: 7, 15, 28, or 31 percent. Only these percentages can be used; amounts in dollars are not acceptable. After you've made your selection, sign and return the form to your local Social Security office either by mail or in person.

Each time you want to change or stop a withholding, complete a new Form W-4V and send it directly to Social Security.

If, for some reason, your benefits stop, your withholding will also stop and will not start again until you complete a new Form W-4V. If your benefits are temporarily suspended or deferred, your withholding request will be held and honored when your benefits resume.

To get a Voluntary Withholding Request, Form W-4V, call IRS toll-free, at 1-800-829-3676. Your local Social Security office does not have these forms. However, the forms are available on the Internet at www.ssa.gov.

Keep in mind, automatic withholdings are totally voluntary. If you prefer, you can continue paying your taxes quarterly, without making any changes.

Q. If I choose to retire with reduced benefits at age 62, will my monthly benefit increase automatically to a full retirement benefit when I become 65 or will it stay the same?

A. Your retirement benefit amount is affected by your age at the time you start receiving benefits. If you start your retirement benefits at age 62 (the earliest possible retirement age), your benefits will be permanently reduced. Beginning in January 2000, the normal retirement age has increased and will continue to increase in gradual steps. The year you were born will determine the increase in the retirement age for you. You can call our toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 to get more information about these increases that could affect your retirement benefit and to find out how you should apply for retirement benefits, or visit our website, www.ssa.gov.



Sister Jean Stickney, R.N., L.C.M. (left) and Reflections 2000 co-chairperson Rose Lamb, enjoy the company at this year's preview party held at the Martinique Restaurant.

Little Company of Mary Hospital hosts Reflection 2000

Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary will host its annual Reflections 2000 dinner and fashion show benefiting its new state-of-the-art Cancer Center to open fall 2000.

Reflections 2000 will be Tuesday, April 11 at the Martinique Restaurant in Evergreen Park. As Little Company celebrates its 70th Anniversary, this year's theme brings attendees back "Somewhere in Time," highlighting vintage clothing from the early 1900s through the present, in addition to the main fashion show.

A preview party was held March 10th at the Martinique Restaurant introducing models with boutique owners and other models.

This year's proceeds will benefit the new Cancer Center that will provide advanced medical technology with an affiliation to the Medical Oncology Group at the University of Chicago Hospitals.

Tickets for the event are \$45 per person, which includes cocktails at 5:00 pm. and dinner served at 6:30 pm. For reservations, please call Peggy Young of the auxiliary at 708-229-5447.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool

The staff is busy preparing for their annual open house and art fair to be held Friday

April 14th from 6:30 until 8:00 pm. The school is located at 9701 S. Brandt Ave.

The preschool offers three different sessions for three and four year olds. The state licensed preschool offers experiences and activities

during the school year to develop the children's social, emotional and intellectual growth, including all kindergarten readiness skills.

For more information, call the school at 708-422-0193.

Oak Lawn Public Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library recently received a \$15,6000 Educate and Automate grant from the Illinois State Library that will allow them to expand and enhance their internal computer network. These funds will go toward the purchase of new computer equipment to house their CD-ROM and DVD databases, upgrade patron access to the Internet and improve the performance of network printers.

This award advances the library's existing plans for automation by keeping them on the cutting edge of technology. Computer-based resources have eliminated the need to purchase some print sources and increased the demand for high performance computers and printers in the public area. Patrons can now find a wide variety of information on the library's computer databases and Internet access terminals.

The educate and Automate grant application was

authored by Richard Gast, Computer Services Manager at the Oak Lawn Public Library.

Oak Lawn Library Exhibits

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host two exhibits in their first floor community display cases throughout the month of April: St. Catherine School will exhibit winning entries from their Earth Day T-shirt Contest; and Boy Scout Troop #610 will exhibit handicrafts, dioramas, books and club activities.

Individuals and local community groups interested in exhibiting special collections, activities and creative works at the library may pick up a display case application at the Reception Booth, first floor.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

Big band concert held at Library

"The Right of Way Band" will perform renditions of big band music from the 1930's and 40's on Sunday, April 9 at 2 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Admission is free. First-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room.

This program is part of their National Library Week celebration, April 9-15.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

A complete schedule of adult programs offered at the Oak Lawn Public Library is available at their Community Information Centers, first floor, and at their web site www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us. For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

Palos Hills park department announces services

The Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a Bunny lunch on Saturday, April 15, at approximately 10:30 am. The lunch will immediately follow the Egg Hunt and will be held at the Palos Hills Golf

Course, 7301 W. 105th St. There will be a \$6.00 fee for each child and must be accompanied by an adult.

For those who are not having the lunch, the Easter Egg hunt will be at the Indian Woods Park, 100th St. & 82

Avenue. Children ages tots to 10 years have an opportunity to hunt eggs and win a special Easter Basket. Egg hunters will be grouped according to age and hunt in designated area. For more information call 708-430-4500.

Springtime home buyers seminar

Thinking of Buying a Home, but are unsure of the process? Then come to our Springtime Home Buyers Seminars! Two local Real Estate Agents, Adrian Watts and Nina Nowaczyk of Century 21 Accent-Homefinders, 9201 S. Cicero Ave., Oak Lawn are sponsoring the Seminar scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, 2000 at the Oak Lawn Hilton. People who are looking to purchase a home are encouraged to attend this FREE seminar. Topics on Minimal

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Letter to the Editor

The most frequent complaint of homeowners in Cook County is the unfair property tax assessment. As a former state representative and chief sponsor of model legislation reforming the Cook County tax appeal procedure, I want to encourage taxpayers to appeal their assessments. Last year thousands of Cook County taxpayers appealed their assessment and won a reduction in assessed value which can potentially translate into hundreds of dollars in savings each year.

Serving as a Commissioner of the Cook County

Board of Review, I want to remind property owners in Bloom and Worth Township that they have until April 13th to appeal their property tax assessment and property owners in Orland and Rich Township they have until April 24th to appeal their property tax assessment at the Board of Review. For those of you who believe your property is unfairly assessed, there is something you can do about it. Just call our office at 312-603-3644 and we will send you an application of direct you to one of our suburban office locations. We're here to help.

Commissioner Maureen Murphy
Cook County Board of Review



Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By Kathy Whirity



Spring IS!

It's official-Spring has finally sprung!! Though you may not know it by the *chill in the air*, or the possibility that snow flurries may still dampen our sunny moods, we are definitely ready for this season of rebirth. And when you think about this rejuvenating time of year, the age old emotions of our youth, never seem to lose their magic.

SPRING IS...

SPRING IS-- the smell of freshly cut grass, which is aroma therapy for our winter weary heads.

SPRING IS-- the rekindling of memories of special childhood activities that can be carried on the gentle breeze of a soft Spring's afternoon. If you close your eyes and take a deep breath, you can almost feel the kid inside you come alive.

SPRING IS-- the excitement of prom night, as young people don formal attire and create an evening of memories that will last a lifetime, while their parents stand proudly focused behind the camera's eye, capturing every smile.

SPRING IS-- baseball fields that come alive with the littlest of sluggers who will unknowingly entertain us with their crazy antics. Coaches will also come alive by way of dads lending a hand, while moms will occupy the benches and discuss just how nice the weather is.

SPRING IS-- the season for making home improvements, for clearing away winter's clutter, and for really vowing to shed those extra pounds that snuck up on us when we weren't looking.

SPRING IS-- the patience that wives will have to muster up when husband's turn into Bob Villa wanna bes when making those home improvements.

SPRING IS-- new mommies proudly pushing baby carriages through the park while old couples, still hold each other's hand, as they walk along remembering when they too were blessed with the privilege of babies to care for.

SPRING IS-- the spark in every teenager's step as they excitedly realize that the carefree days of summer are right around the corner, while parent's remind them that so are summer jobs.

SPRING IS-- the beauty of starting over, and as green buds peek out from bare branches, our hearts are warmed with the hope of renewal.

Yes, spring is finally here, in all it's blooming glory. Such long anticipation - but well worth the wait.

NEWS

FOR WOMEN

Beauty Tips For The 21st Century Woman

(NAPS)—Whether shopping for an entirely new look or getting ready for a New Year's Eve celebration, women are beginning to think about entering the millennium in fashion-forward style. According to top New York City makeup artist Mally Roncal, "The face of 2000 is all about self-expression. It's about interpreting trends and adapting them so that you feel comfortable, letting your own personal style shine through." Here, Mally provides expert, make-no-mistakes application tips using T.i.m.e. The Instant Makeup Expert, the new exclusive color cosmetics line at Sears, to help women achieve makeup magic to complement the myriad of color and styles dominating the winter 1999-2000 fashion runways:

• **Vibrant Beauty**—Candied bright fabrics call for a beauty look featuring strong, defined eyes and lips. Create the look by applying a deep shade of liner on the top eyelid. Next, try this technique for thick, lustrous lashes that won't go unnoticed: apply two coats of T.i.m.e. Eye Emphasizer Mascara under lashes, beginning at the outer corner. In a "wiggle" motion, move the wand in short strokes from left to right, continuing to the tip (this coats both sides of lashes). Finish with a vibrant pink or red lip color.

• **Pretty in Pales**—To avoid looking "washed out" in fresh, soft pale garments, give eyes a "smoky" intensity and lips a "frosty" brilliance. Simply layer eye color using sheer buildable formulas such as T.i.m.e. Eye-to-Eyeshadow. Apply three coats of the paler shade in the P.i.n.k. 3 palette over the entire eyelid and two coats of the deeper shade in the crease. Line both the top and bottom eyelid with black liner for intensity. Finish by enhancing skin's natural glow

30 plan, they learn how carbohydrates, proteins and fats work together to burn body fat and stay energized and focused, on and off the set."

The 40-30-30 eating plan is based on the consumption of calories representing 40 percent of carbohydrates, 30 percent protein and 30 percent dietary fat. Many experts believe this plan provides more sustained energy and hunger satisfaction than a diet high in carbohydrates.

"By following the 40-30-30 eating philosophy, my clients receive a unique combination of nutrients that helps provide them with sustained energy," says personal trainer



Millennium makeup magic
—The face of 2000 is all about self-expression, say experts.

(which comes to life in muted fabrics) with a frosty, pale lip color.

• **Metallic Radiance**—To complement illuminated fabrics in shimmering gunmetal and steel, choose makeup that creates an overall glowing shine. Use a shimmery blush to "brighten" skin by applying it all over the face. Use a silvery plum shade and sweep across eyelids, down the center of the nose and at the highest point of the forehead, blending into the hairline and across the chin. Next, polish lips with a nude lip color that features just a hint of shimmer.

• **Sweet Sophistication**—To capture the spirit of gothic-inspired fashions in burgundies and wines with rich and regal values, create a beauty look that detracts focus from eyes and emphasizes lips. Begin by applying one coat of mascara and a sweep of pale shadow to eyes. Give lips an "antique," sophisticated matte finish by applying one coat of a high-shine, ruby-inspired shade such as T.i.m.e. Accu-color Lipstick in W.i.n.e. 2. Next, peel apart the layers of a tissue and cover the bottom lip with one layer. Lightly sprinkle translucent loose facial powder on top to set lipstick. Finish by dabbing lips with a second coat of color.

Michael George, whose clients include Ryan, Reese Witherspoon and Sela Ward. "Avoiding junk food can be tough, but I tell my clients to eat a Balance Bar—for a meal or a snack—which follows the 40-30-30 philosophy and helps satisfy their hunger cravings."

The survey, sponsored by Balance Bar Company, was conducted to learn the secrets Hollywood's top trainers use to help their celebrity clients look great. For more information about a balanced diet based on the 40-30-30 eating plan, visit www.balance.com.

Beauty News Notes

How To Get The Most From Your Hairdresser

(NAPS)—Following ten tips from top hair stylists may make your next trip to the salon more satisfying.

These tips come from stylists at Hair Cuttery, one of the world's largest privately-owned salon chains, with more than 800 salons in the U.S. and England:

1. **Communicate.** Ask for a consultation before every haircut. "The more information a client can give a stylist, the more likely that client will leave the salon 100 percent satisfied," says Dennis Ratner, a licensed hairstylist and founder of Hair Cuttery. "Always get an agreement on the style and length before the stylist begins."

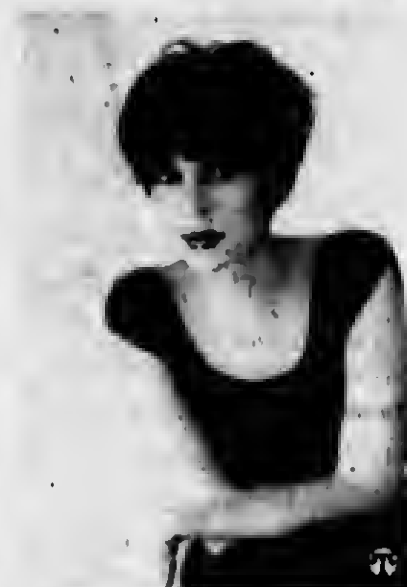
2. **Show.** If possible, bring photos with you to show the hairstylist the look you have in mind.

3. **Listen.** Hairstylists may tell you they can't achieve the look you want without a great deal of work. Consider their advice before making a decision.

4. **Ask.** If you don't understand something or need more advice, ask your hairstylist to give you answers.

5. **Be honest.** Communicate how much effort you're willing to make. Will you blow dry your hair daily? Devote an hour to styling every time you shampoo? Or do you need a wash and dry look?

6. **Learn.** If your stylist suggests specific products to maintain your look, learn how to use them. Then follow directions. For example, silicone-based shine products should be used sparingly and always warmed by



Courtesy of Hair Cuttery National Artistic Team

rubbing together between the palms before applying. Products designed to lift should only be applied to hair roots.

7. **Speak up.** If you're not happy with the results, explain why. Many clients just leave a salon and never come back rather than give the stylist or salon a chance to make them happy.

8. **Be open.** Styles change and hair does too. Trust your stylist to keep you up to date and don't be afraid to experiment.

9. **Consider haircolor.** Not only does haircolor add beautiful dimension to hair, it can also make hair appear thicker and shinier.

10. **Look for options.** Many of today's styles are "convertible"—the entire look can be changed by adding hair accessories or simply styling a different way. Ask your hairstylist to explain how you can wear your style new ways between salon visits.

For more hair tips and trends, visit www.haircuttery.com.

DO IT & DIET

Nutrition Tips From Hollywood's Top Trainers

(NAPS)—How do such hot Hollywood stars as Meg Ryan, Mariah Carey and Tori Spelling maintain their sculpted physiques? A recent survey asked celebrity fitness trainers for the secrets of the stars.

It turns out that 75 percent of these fitness gurus recommend the 40-30-30 eating plan, based on the pop-

ular "Zone" diet principles. Additionally, 63 percent of the trainers said their clients have followed this plan for more than a year.

"The 40-30-30 eating philosophy gives my clients an edge on healthy living," said Peter Seamans, celebrity trainer, who works with Anthony Robbins and Ivan Boesky. "By using the 40-30-



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Health Hints

Winning The Battle Against Hay Fever

(NAPS)—Half of all Americans live in a household with at least one person who has allergies. And each spring, as pollen counts rise, the sound of sniffles and sneezes spreads across the nation.

But allergies are no laughing matter. That runny nose and stuffy head are often accompanied by headaches, eye irritation, and fatigue. These symptoms can cut into worker productivity—not to mention make life miserable.

"With the rise in people affected by allergies, there is a greater need for products to help people breathe better," said Soon-Chart Yu, founder and CEO of gazoontite.com, which offers products and information to help people with allergies and asthma.

Drawing from his own experience with allergies, Yu created a Web site, retail stores, and catalog to educate people on ways they can protect themselves from allergens like pollen.

Many people rely solely on medications to help them manage their allergies. Few realize that they can also take some simple steps to improve the quality of the air they breathe. In fact, gazoontite.com specializes in products that help people reduce their exposure to the whole world of things that



make them sneeze.

Some tips for steering clear of pollen this spring:

- Invest in an air purifier with a HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) filter, and put it in your bedroom so you breathe cleaner air while you sleep. HEPA filters remove 99.97 percent of all airborne particles down to 0.3 microns, including pollen. (A human hair is about 50 microns wide.)

- Replace the old filters in your furnace/AC unit with new high-efficiency filters. And change your filters regularly. An old, dirty filter can actually worsen your indoor air quality.

- Dust and clean regularly with cleaning tools that collect dust and pollen, rather than send them back into circulation. Tools you can use include special dust cloths that attract dust, and vacuum cleaners equipped with HEPA filters and sealed bags. Tip: Give special attention to windowsills where pollen

collects.

- Some simple behavior modifications can make a big difference in your pollen exposure. Since pollen levels are usually highest between 5 and 10 am, try to avoid being outdoors then. (Try a workout in the gym rather than a jog in the park.) Don't hang laundry outdoors during pollen season—it's a great way for pollen grains to hitch a ride indoors. And wash that pollen out of your hair before you go to sleep.

As you sneeze and wheeze your way through spring, keep in mind that you may not have hay fever, after all. Plenty of people are allergic to dust mites or mold, two common allergens that don't always get the attention that pollen does. As with many medical conditions, the key to managing your allergies is education. Figure out what you're allergic to, before you look for helpful products or change your behavior.

Responding to the need for reliable information on the Internet, gazoontite.com has a nurse on staff who answers questions online from 9 am to 12 noon (PST) Monday through Friday.

For more tips on controlling your allergies this spring, log on to www.gazoontite.com or call 1-888-4MY-NOSE.

NEWS OF HEALTH

Importance Of Cord Blood Donation

(NAPS)—On his or her very first day in the world, a newborn baby may be able to help save someone's life.

After a baby is born, the blood in the umbilical cord can be a lifeline for someone else—a child or adult with leukemia or another life-threatening illness—and by donating this blood, both baby and mother can become heroes.

When people are treated for Hodgkin's disease, anemia and other blood-borne diseases, their stem cells—the building blocks of healthy blood—are often wiped out. Cord blood, like bone marrow, contains stem cells. However, cord blood is easier to obtain than bone marrow, with more than 10,000 potential donors born every day.

Who benefits?

Every year, about 9,000 people are diagnosed with diseases that can be treated by cord blood transplantation. Most of these patients are unable to find a donor through any of the donor registries. It is particularly difficult for African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans and other ethnic minorities to find donors.

How does it work?

The donation process generally begins near the start of the third trimester of pregnancy, when the expectant parents make the decision to donate their baby's cord blood. The mother's blood is then



The blood shared by mother and newborn could help save another person's life.

tested and her health history is obtained.

Immediately after the baby is born, the umbilical cord is clamped and the baby is separated from the cord. The attending physician sticks a needle into the cord vein and draws the placental blood. After that, the blood is sent to a cord blood bank, where it is typed, frozen and stored until it is needed. When a match is identified, the stored cord blood can be shipped anywhere in the world.

There is no cost to the donating family, and cord blood transplants boast a very optimistic success rate. Families interested in donating their child's cord blood are encouraged to contact the American Cord Blood Program at (508) 756-3076 as early as possible in the pregnancy—preferably between 28 and 30 weeks.

The National Children's Cancer Society encourages you to speak with your doctor or visit www.AmericanCordBlood.org.

Taking Control of Diabetes

(NAPS)—Did you know that a majority of the 15 million people with type 2 diabetes do not know how they can take control of their disease?

If not kept in check, type 2 diabetes can develop into several devastating complications, such as heart disease and stroke. Knowledge about an underlying cause of type 2 diabetes and treatments can help fight the disease.

Education is the key. "This survey underscores the need for increased access to educational efforts to let patients know where to get help," said Christine Tobin, president of the AADE based in Chicago. "In addition to speaking with their physicians, diabetes educators are valuable resources for patients who want to learn more and take control of their diabetes."

The good news is that there is a new class of drugs, thiazolidinediones (TZDs) which can help. TZDs such as the drug Avandia® (rosiglitazone maleate) directly target insulin resistance and may help in a patient's overall diabetes management.

For information on locating a local diabetes educator, contact the AADE at 1-800-TEAM-UP-4 or www.aadenet.org.



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Making the most of your tax refund

As the end of winter approaches, the only thing we look forward to more than spring is our tax refund. You may have already received your refund or you may still be working through the filing process. Either way, if you're expecting a refund, now is the best time to think about how to make the most of your cash.

Before getting too excited and using all that extra money on a shopping spree, think about how those extra funds could work for you. For example, if you invest \$500 at an 8 percent rate of return for 5 years, you'll then have \$735. The same \$500, if invested for 10 years at an 8 percent rate of return would give you \$1,079. Please keep in mind these examples are for illustrative purposes only and do not reflect the performance of any particular investment.

By now you may have realized the power of compounding, so let's take a look at some ideas of what to do with that anticipated tax refund check.

* Add to your already existing portfolio. This may be

a good opportunity to invest in a new stock or increase the diversity of your portfolio by adding stocks from different sectors.

* Pump up your 401(k). If your plan allows, you may be able to put some of your tax refund into your 401(k). For example, if you are contributing 3 percent to a plan that allows you to contribute up to 5 percent of your salary, you can use your bonus money to increase your contribution percentage.

* Start an Individual Retirement Account. If you don't have an IRA, this may be a good time to open one and begin taking advantages of this savings vehicle. Even if you already have a 401(k), IRAs are still powerful saving tools and they offer some tax advantages as well. If you're not sure whether you need a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA consider a few of the differences.

With a traditional IRA, your maximum annual contribution is \$2,000 and your contributions may be tax-deductible. If you are able to make tax-deductible contributions,

you won't pay taxes until you start making withdrawals after age 59 1/2.

With a Roth IRA, your maximum annual contribution is also \$2,000, but your contribution is non tax-deductible. However, the biggest benefit of a Roth IRA is that you will not pay taxes when you begin making withdrawals after age 59 1/2 as long as you hold the Roth account for at least five years. Also, with a traditional IRA, you are required to start taking withdrawals at age 70 1/2. Keep in mind withdrawals from a traditional IRA may be subject to a 10% penalty if taken before age 59 1/2. In contrast, the Roth IRA does not have a mandatory withdrawal age.

If you're not quite sure about what to do with the money yet, consider placing it in a short-term CD. A three- or six-month CD may be a good option if you are unsure about how to best use the money. That way, your money will still be earning interest while you analyze your options.

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Kodak young leaders award won at Lourdes high school

Sister Josita Krzeminski, Principal of Lourdes High School 4034 W. 56th Street, proudly announces that Alana Barajas, a sophomore at Lourdes High School has been named a Kodak young Leader under a national program sponsored by Eastman Kodak Company.

Barajas was named on the basis of her outstanding leadership qualities and academic achievement. As a Kodak Young Leader, she will receive an award from Kodak

and will be eligible to apply for a University of Rochester Young Leaders Scholarship. The Young Leaders Scholarship, worth at least \$6,000.00 annually, will be awarded to all qualifying award winners who enroll at the University of Rochester, New York.

"An investment in bright young leaders like Alana Barajas is an investment

in our future," said Kodak's Chairman and Chief Executive officer George M.C. Fisher. "We want to inspire these student and their peers with a sense of responsibility and continual thirst for learning and achievement."

Kodak, which has invited 2,000 schools nationwide to participate this year, employs over 80,000 people and operates in virtually every corner of the globe.

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Registration in reduced fare program

Wednesday, May 31 (10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.) staff from Regional Transportation Authority will be at Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th St., conducting registration for seniors interested in the RTA Reduced Fare Program. This program provides that senior citizens (age 65 or older) can ride the CTA, Metra or Pace transit systems for half fare. This registration will be conducted at NO COST to you. In order to register you must do the following:

1. If you are on Medicare, please bring your Medicare Card with you.
2. Please bring one of the following documents as a form of identification:
 - Driver's License
 - Expired RTA reduced fare permit
 - Passport
 - State of Illinois identification card
 - Other official government identification with a photo and birthdate

Your photograph will be taken and affixed to your reduced fare permit. Upon completion of your registration, you will receive your RTA Reduced Fare Permit through the mail in approximately 4 weeks.

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Moraine Valley Community College news briefs

Silver celebration set for returning women program

More than 1,000 women like Sandy Broadbent will celebrate the silver anniversary of a Moraine Valley program.

Broadbent and other will share what they have in common at the 25th reunion of the Returning Women Program at Moraine Valley on Friday, April 7, from 7 to 10 p.m.

The program, which started in 1975, has helped more than 1,000 women ease into the college setting. The Returning Women Program was developed for women who either had never attended college or who had been away for a long period of time, like Broadbent.

She did not have the opportunity to attend college until Moraine Valley opened the door for her. Broadbent

was working at a local newspaper and saw a story in the paper on the Returning Women Program.

"I started school as a lark in 1979, and I never stopped," Broadbent, who has earned associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees. "My life," she said, "has been incredibly changed by the program. I would not be where I am today without it."

Broadbent is an associate professor and a counselor for the international student population at Moraine Valley.

The reunion for past participants will take place in the Moraine Rooms. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, phone Barbara Dargis, College and Community Relations, at (708) 975-5742.

Southwest community band concert at Moraine Valley

Concert-goers who enjoy historical music should take a seat Sunday, April 9, at 3 p.m. in the Dorothy Menker Theater on the Moraine Valley Community College campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

The Southwest Community Band will perform selections such as *Hymn to the Fallen*, which comes from the American Revolution; *Star Spangled Spectacular*, from World War I; *Civil War Fantasy*; *Armed Forces Salute*, and many more.

Conductor Leo Henning said there is no particular reason for selecting themes for

the upcoming concert. "As we were putting together the music for this concert, we just realized that the songs all referred to music that was created during critical periods in our nation's history," he said.

Ticket prices are \$7.50 for adults and \$5.50 for students and seniors.

For reservations and other information, call Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center box office at (708) 974-5500.

For more information, phone Barbara Dargis, College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742.

Moraine Valley students to take audience on humorous trip through time

Follow the adventures of three women as they take a journey through time.

The Academic Theater at Moraine Valley will perform an all-student/alumni production of playwright Eric Overmyer's humorous play, *On the Verge*, directed by faculty member Kate Wulle.

The performances in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater on Campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills, are scheduled for Friday, March 31, at 8 p.m.; Sunday, April 2 at 2 p.m.; Thursday, April 6, through Saturday, April 8, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, April 9, at 2 p.m.

On the Verge, known for

its humor and playful use of language, is Overmyer's most popular play. The play chronicles the adventures of three daring female explorers who begin their journey in 1888 and end up in the mid-twentieth century.

Ticket prices are \$10.50 for adults and \$8.50 for seniors and students. A \$1 fee is added for phone orders.

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Information on Southwest symphony orchestra

This is the 36th Anniversary Concert Season of the Southwest Symphony Orchestra. In the past eight years since David Crane has taken over as artistic director and conductor, the SSO has taken great strides in initiating new programs and improving the musical quality of the orchestra.

More section rehearsals, especially in some needed areas helped to improve the general quality of the ensemble. Efforts to reach a larger audience, and provide student performances are being aggressively pursued. Media contacts have been initiated, but so far, have not been terribly successful.

David Crane has great musical vision and has made concentrated efforts to keep the flavor of the orchestra a community one. But he believes that being "community" and striving for artistic

excellence are not incompatible concepts.

He has worked through this concept slowly, carefully not to alienate long-time members who would be happy to keep the status quo. Professional section leaders have been added to the roster, providing a solid basis for the SSO musicians to imitate.

The orchestra is now reaping the benefits of Crane's well thought out efforts. This season's repertoire included an October concert with violinist Rachel Barton (for the second season) performing a Beethoven Concerto.

A Christmas program in conjunction with St. Julie Billiard Catholic Church combined orchestra, adult and children vocal choirs, and a handbell choir for an inspiring evening.

Proving that its own members are star musicians, the SSO featured two of their

own, Donna Briggs (Principal Horn) and Ken Austin (Principal Trumpet) in a February program of Charles Ives, and Mozart. The program also included Hoist's challenging "The Planets."

A Southwest Symphony First is on the docket for April 8! For the first time SSO ventures into the opera repertoire with a fully staged production of a little known and rarely performed Mozart opera "The Impresario." Directed by Andrew Schultz, Roosevelt professor, and internationally recognized opera vocalist and director, and featuring some of the most talented Chicago area opera performers, this is a real challenge for the SSO.

An outreach program provides for two student performances of "Impresario" on April 11. This is not the first time the SSO has reached out to students. Crane has initiated

professional quality performances of "Peter and the Wolf" and Gould's "The Jockey and the Dinosaur" with the SSO.

Crane has established the praiseworthy Youth Concerto Contest, an inspiring idea to encourage the young musicians of the south side area to excellence. The three top winners are then featured in the SSO's final subscription concert, performing with the orchestra.

Crane has reached out to the entire southwest side area with his innovative ideas. A December 31st concert in the south suburbs, modeled after the famous Vienna New Year's Eve Gala has been an enthusiastic addition to the programming of the SSO.

These noteworthy endeavors certainly seem to deserve media recognition.

For further information: Kathleen Tobin 773-445-8560 or Southwest Symphony Orchestra 708-802-0686.



Grandparents day at North Palos school District 117

Tyler Houlihan, a first grader at the Dorn Primary Center in North Palos School District 117, stands with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Reddeman on "Grandparents Day" at the school on Wed., March 22nd. Grandma and Grandpa Reddeman came from Michigan City, IN to spend the day with Tyler.

Park Lawn needs volunteers



Park Lawn Tag Days are scheduled for Friday, April 14 and Saturday, April 15. Hundreds of individual and group volunteers are needed to collect donations at intersections and store fronts - this year's goal is \$100,000. Fannie May pops and Park Lawn information are handed out in return for each donation collected throughout the weekend. Safety vests, collection buckets and handouts will be provided for volunteers. Convenient locations and time slots are still available. Call Park Lawn at 708-425-6867 to reserve a location.

Park Lawn is a non-profit agency providing opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities since 1955. Programs and services include a vocational workshop, residential living and community employment. Recreational, counseling and health services are also provided. Proceeds generated through Tag Days will benefit individuals enrolled in Park Lawn programs.

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Unseasonably warm weather has Beverly Montessori School students bursting with energy

Warm weather has Beverly Montessori School students using the playground as much as possible and excited to discover bulbs planted in the fall coming up already. Teachers have been implementing stimulating work to go along with the students' revived spirits.

Students in the Fireplace classroom are observing Nutrition Month by studying the different food groups and preparing simple balanced menus. The study of magnets is attracting children also, as they learn the concept of magnetism. Students have been discovering through experimentation how to sort magnetic materials from non-magnetic materials.

Southwest classroom students made self-portraits us-

ing "people-colored" paint. The children looked into hand-held mirrors as they drew and painted their own faces, and then used different colored yarn for hair.

Beverly Montessori School students have also been studying ethnic origins by studying different countries, preparing the tasting ethnic foods and discussing ancestry.

East room students sampled dates and made pictures of mosques as they learned about Pakistan. They also made totem poles as part of a North America lesson. For a special treat, David Bell, grandfather to one of Beverly Montessori School's students, gave a demonstration on bagpipes. Bell explained how the instrument

works, what it is made of, and gave a little history about Ireland and Scotland, where the bagpipes are from. The students were allowed to see the bagpipes up close and even touch them. Bell, who loves Irish and Scotch music, also played the tin whistle for the children.

Beverly Montessori School is affiliated with the American Montessori Society and currently operates as a non-for-profit educational corporation. It admits students without regard to race, religion, national or ethnic origin. Anyone wishing to inquire about enrollment for the 2000/2001 school year may contact business manager and registrar Linda Budewitz at (773) 239-7635.



The Daley College delegation to the Model Illinois Government Competition in Springfield won the "Outstanding Small Delegation" award this was the first time in the twenty-two year history of this program that a first-year delegation won an award. Shown left to right are students Maria Centeno, Joseph Barnett (delegation head), Milda Grigaite, faculty advisor Constance Mixon, Claudia Rivas and Alfonso Santoyo.

Daley student win state award

Students from Daley College have won the "Outstanding Small Delegation" award at the annual Model Illinois Government Competition, held in Springfield, Illinois, in the first year they have entered. No other first year school has ever won an award in the twenty two year history of the program.

"I am especially proud of this accomplishment," said Dr. Mark Warden, Interim President of the college and Beverly resident, and himself a political scientist. "Most people know very little about state government, yet many of the crucial issues affecting Chicago are decided at the state level. This award shows that our faculty are not only addressing these issues in the class room, but are involving students in the nuts and bolts level of how government works."

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College students from the across the state of Illinois participated in the Model Illinois Government competition on March 3-5 which has been held annually since 1978. This year's competition involved 22 public and private colleges and universities form across the state and almost 300 students Richard J. Daley College sent a delegation of five students (Joseph Barnett, Alfonso Santoyo, Maria Centeno,, Claudia Rivas, and Milda Grigaite) and one faculty advisor (Constance Mixon, Instructor of Political Science). The delegation included two Republicans and Three Democrats. One member of the delegation, Alfonso Santoyo, was elected Republican Whip in the House of Representative. All the students are members of the Political Science Club.

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Dear Editor

My Irish eyes are smiling because Oak Lawn has done it again! Thousands of area residents when they patronized their favorite stores and restaurants brought the luck of the Irish to families affected with muscle-wasting diseases. By purchasing and signing the Shamrocks Against Dystrophy mobiles, they turned these high traffic venues green with good fortune for St. Patrick's Day.

Thank to these caring customers, and all the service personnel who added humanitarian value to cash register transactions by asking patrons, "Would you like to buy a Shamrock to help families served by the MDA, Oak Lawn made an incredible contribution to the 17th annual Shamrocks Against Dystrophy campaign.

The amount of \$9 million

was raised by buying a Shamrock nationally this year. The sharing of the green has helped speed MDA funded research at the University of Illinois, University of Chicago, other area institutions, and around the globe. moreover, this pot-o-gold is helping maintain the national network of 230 MDA clinics. The services of these hospital affiliated clinics, along with MDA research, resulted in MDA becoming the first organization honored by the American Medical Association with a Lifetime Achievement Award "for significant and lasting contributions to the health and welfare of humanity." in Illinois, MDA has 10 clinics, including the MDA clinics at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, the University of Chicago Hospitals, and other institutions in the state.

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VILLAGE VIEW PUBLICATIONS, INC. readers continue to make a huge difference for families throughout Illinois and across the nation. On behalf of my niece and other living with neuromuscular diseases, I thank you! Maureen McGovern, National Vice President and Shamrocks Chairperson Muscular Dystrophy Association.

A rummage sale on at EP Methodist church

It's rummage time at the Evergreen Park Methodist Church, 94th St. & Homan Ave. The Spring Rummage Sale begins at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 7, running until 9 p.m. On Saturday, April 8, sale hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Casting set for the production of "One Touch of Venus"

Jan Kallish and Steven Schnepf, co-executive producers of *Ovation! Concert Celebrations of Great American Musicals*, have announced final casting for Kurt Weill and Ogden Nash's delightful romantic fantasy "One Touch of Venus," which will be performed Thursday, April 6 - Sunday, April 9 at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 East Congress Parkway.

Leading the ensemble cast will be Chicago native Liz Callaway, the Tony Award-nominated star of numerous Broadway musicals (and daughter of legendary Chicago newsmen John Callaway) as Venus, the mythical goddess magically brought to life by Rodney Hatch, a mild-mannered barber portrayed by Chicago-theatre favorite James Moyer. Roger Mueller will portray the wealthy museum owner and modern art connoisseur Savory Whitehall; E. Faye Butler will play his all-knowing, efficient secretary, Molly Grant; Jeff Dumas will be featured as the private detective, Taxi Black; Lori Holton Nash will portray Gloria Kramer, Rodney's fiancée, and her mother, Mrs. Kramer, will be played by Sharon Carlson. Rounding out the principals will be Ray Frewen as Stanley, Black's assistant, and James FitzGerald as Zuvetti. Chicago radio and television legend Roy Leonard will once again serve as narrator for the production, a role he will also assume for the upcoming concert staging of "Babes in Arms."

Liz Callaway made her Broadway debut in Stephen Sondheim's "Merrily We Roll Along." Other Broadway credits include "Baby," (for which she received a 1984 Tony Award nomination), "The Three Musketeers," "Miss Saigon" (originating the role of Ellen) and

"Cats" (playing Grizabella). Her voice was used as a singing voice of the title character in the animated features "Anastasia" and "The Swan Princess," the singing voice of Princess Jasmine in Disney's "The Return of Jafar" and "Aladdin and the King of Thieves." With her sister, Ann Hampton Callaway, Liz has performed an award-winning revue entitled "Sibling Revelry" in New York (at Rainbow and Stars), London, Chicago, Los Angeles and Cannes. This show was recorded, and Liz has also recorded two solo albums and has appeared on many other recordings.

James Moyer (Rodney Hatch) has been seen at productions at the Goodman, Drury Lane Oakbrook, Old Globe and Northlight theatres. Roger Mueller (Savory Whitehall) won a Joseph Jefferson Award for his role in "1776" and has been seen frequently on the stage of the Drury Lane Oakbrook, Body Politic and Goodman Theatres. E. Faye Butler (Molly Grant) is one of Chicago's best loved actresses, having won three Joseph Jefferson Awards. Jeff Dumas (Taxi Black) was last seen in "Strike Up the Band" at the Auditorium and has appeared in productions at the Goodman and Marriott Theatre. Lori Holton Nash was a member of the "Strike Up the Band" ensemble and also appeared in "Show Boat" at the Auditorium. Ray Frewen (Stanley) serves as Artistic Director of Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace, and has been honored with Joseph Jefferson Award nominations as a director and an actor. Sharon Carlson (Mrs. Kramer) has numerous Off-Broadway, regional and Chicago credits, and has been honored with a Jeff Citation. James FitzGerald (Zuvetti) has been honored with two

Joseph Jefferson Awards, and appeared on the stage of Shakespeare Repertory for 11 seasons.

The "One Touch of Venus" ensemble will feature many of Chicago's top musical theatre performers, including Kristen Behrendt, Jeanne Croft, Sara Davis, Patrick Gagnon, David Girolmo, Tommy Hahn, Martin Hargrove, Brad Hoffman, Camille Kowash, Melissa LaFrance, Catherine Lord, Ann McMann, Philip Pickens, Harriet Plumpp, Nathaniel Stampely, Jr., and Jonathan Weir.

"One Touch of Venus," originally produced on Broadway in 1943, features such classic songs as "Foolish Heart," "I'm a Stranger Here Myself," "That's Him," and the torchy standard "Speak Low," and was Weill's biggest Broadway hit. The libretto, by two celebrated humorists, poet Ogden Nash and short-story writer S.J. Perelman, concerns a recently-unveiled statue of Venus which magically comes to life when an unwitting young barber places a ring on the statue's finger. After much comic confusion, the goddess happily turns back to marble after envisioning her humdrum life as a barber's wife in Ozone Heights.

The original production of "One Touch of Venus" featured Mary Martin (in her first starring role) Kenny Baker and John Boles. Directed by Elia Kazan and featuring choreography by Agnes de Mille, the original production was critically hailed for its sophistication, wit, the cleverness of Ogden Nash's lyrics, and for Weill's charming music.

"One Touch of Venus" will be directed by award-winning director Gary Griffin, and acclaimed conductor and musical director Paul

Raiman will serve as conductor.

Gary Griffin is regarded as one of the most successful directors in the Chicago area, having been awarded four Joseph Jefferson Awards and two After Dark Awards for his work. He most recently directed "How to Succeed..." to great critical acclaim at Drury Lane Oakbrook and "The Homecoming" for Famous Door Theatre. In 1999, his long-running Chicago production of "Beautiful Thing" transferred to New York's Cherry Lane Theatre, and he directed the American premiere of Sondheim's "Saturday Night." His work for Chicago's Court Theatre includes "Gross Indecency," "The Real Thing," and "Putting it Together." He served as Co-Artistic Director of Apple Tree Theatre, directing productions of "Kiss of the Spiderwomen," "Assassins," "Blade to the Heat," "Three Hotels," "Stand Up Tragedy" and "Eastern Standard." At Drury Lane Oakbrook, his productions include "A Funny Thing...", "A Flea in Her Ear," "West Side Story" and "City of Angels." He currently teaches at Northwestern University.

Paul Raiman most recently served as musical supervisor and musical director of "Putting it Together" on Broadway. He served as musical director and conductor of "Miss Saigon" on Broadway and on tour, and was the musical director of "Les Misérables" on tour. In Chicago, he was the musical director of "After the Fair" at the Apple Tree Theatre, the conductor of "Hercules" at the Chicago Theatre, and musical director of "That's Christmas!" at the Shubert Theatre. He has also served as musical director for numerous productions at the Marriott's Lincolnshire Theatre, Drury Lane, Oakbrook, and the Royal George Theatre. He has worked with many internationally known artists, including Carol Burnett, Kathie Lee Gifford, Colm Wilkinson, Michael Crawford, Sarah Brightman, Sandy Duncan and Darlene Love.


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Having discussed stance and posture in my last article, let's look at the last three factors comprising the set up: alignment, grip, and ball position. The set up as discussed in this article is for a right hand golfer. Alignment pertains to the relationship of the placement of the club face to the ball at address, and the positioning of the body to this.

In establishing good alignment, visualize the idea of railroad tracks, which is used by many instructors. In this concept there is an outside track and an inside track, and they run parallel to one another. In the address position the club face should be aligned with the ball and pointing directly down the target line (outside railroad track). The feet, knees, hips, and shoulders should be aligned pointing parallel left of the targetline (inside railroad track). As you practice, make it a habit to lay two clubs on the ground parallel to each other. This should be a definite help in getting you better aligned.

When considering the grip, it is important to remember that the only contact you have with club is the hands. How they are placed on the club will have a definite effect on what happens at impact.

There are choices to be made concerning the type of grip to be used based upon comfort, feel, and hand size. In placing the hands in a basic neutral position, which accommodates most recreational golfers, stress the following: 1. The palms of the hands should be parallel to each other; 2. The club should be kept in the base of the fingers, not the palms, and 3. The thumbs should be placed slightly off set on the grip, with the left thumb right of center, and the right thumb left of center. The manner in which the little finger of the right hand and the index finger of the left hand are placed on the club with each other will determine which of the three standard grips will be used: overlapping (commonly used by any men), interlocking (commonly used by man women), or ten finger (often called the baseball grip).

Ball position pertains to where the ball is played in relation to the feet. It varies somewhat depending upon the club being used. The ball is positioned in the middle of the feet for the mid and high irons, about 2-3 ball widths to the left of center for the lower irons, and inside the left heel for the woods.

You will help prevent many undesirable shots by being certain the ball is properly positioned for each shot.



The universal ballet of Korea to make Chicago debut on April 26 through through 30th

The critically acclaimed Universal Ballet, under the artistic direction of Oleg Vinogradov and featuring Julia Moon, will grace the stage of the Civic Opera house, April 26th through the 30th. during its Chicago run the Universal Ballet, a classical ballet company based in Seoul, Korea will present three performances of Oleg Vinogradov's version of the beloved classic, "Sleeping Beauty," and two performances of the traditional Korean fairy tale, "Shim Chung." The Blindman's Daughter, and enchanting tale of sacrifice, devotion and love.

"Sleeping Beauty," first performed in 1890, features a splendid musical score by Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky. The choreography is by Marius Petipa, revised by Oleg Vinogradov. Based on the classic folk tale, "Sleeping Beauty" tells the story of a young princess who is cursed by an evil fairy whom her parents had forgotten to invite to her christening. Together with the entire court, she falls asleep for 100 years until she is awakened by the kiss of a prince.

The *Shim Chung* story dates back to at least 1,500 years ago during the period of the Three Kingdoms of Korea and possibly earlier.

Today, two books remain which contain the *Shim Chung* story. The first, from the Seoul area, was handed down by word of mouth from shaman to shaman until recorded in the book "Bali Princess." The other *Shim Chung*-related story stems from Shamanistic rituals conducted for fishing vessels on the East Sea.

"Shim Chung" tells the story of a young maiden who volunteers to be sacrificed to the Sea Dragon King so that her father, a blind beggar, may regain his sight. After Shim Chung plunges into the sea, she is greeted by the Sea Dragon King, who, entranced by her beauty, invites her to become the kingdom's Undersea Goddess. She declines, and pleads to be allowed to return to earth to care for her father. Moved by her passionate plea, the Sea Dragon King returns her to earth in a beautiful lotus flower.

Born in Leningrad in 1937, Artistic Director Oleg Vinogradov graduated from

the Vaganova Ballet Academy where he studied with Alexander Pushkin. Vinogradov began his career at the Theater of Opera and Ballet in Novosibirsk, Russia where he became Ballet Master in 1961. From 1965-1967, he worked as the choreographer for the world-renowned Bolshoi Ballet. In 1972, Vinogradov was appointed Director of the Maly Theater of Opera and Ballet, followed by becoming artistic director of one of the oldest ballet ensembles in the world, the Kirov Ballet.

Vinogradov began his association with Universal Ballet in Seoul numerous occasions since 1992, staging "Swan Lake," "Giselle," "Don Quixote" and most recently, "The Nutcracker." He was appointed artistic director of Universal Ballet in 1998. He has received a number of honors including the Prize of the Russian Federation (1970), the Petipa Prize (1979), and the Pablo Picasso Prize (1987). He was named People's Artist of the U.S.S.R. in 1983. The French Republic awarded him the honorary title of Chevalier, for special merit in the arts and culture and for

the furtherance of international relations.

Julia H. Moon was born in Washington D.C., and moved to Seoul during elementary school. She studied ballet at the SunHwa Arts School in Seoul, the Royal Ballet School in London and with Marika Besobrasova at L'Academie de Danse Classique de Princess Grace in Monaco. After dancing for a short time with the Ohio ballet and the Washington Ballet she returned to Korea, joining the Universal Ballet as a founding member and principal dancer. As the first Asian guest principal at the Kirov ballet she danced the leads in "Giselle" in 1989, "Don Quixote" in 1992 and "Swan Lake" in 1995. Her performances during Universal Ballet tours and as a guest dancer on Korean and international stages have brought great praise for her interpretation and artistry. In addition to principal dancer, Moon also has been serving as the company's general director since July of 1995. Tickets can be purchased at the Civic Opera House Box Office or through ticket master at (312) 902-1500 or at all outlets.

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St. Rita-Bill Lauer, senior; Andre Senegal, junior.

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Oak Lawn Community Church presents their annual egg hunt

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave. Oak Lawn, IL. will hold their annual Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15th from 9:00 until 11:00 am. On the menu is eggs, pancakes, sausage, toast and beverages, all for a free will offering.

There will also be a bake sale so you won't have to bake for Easter. For more information call the church office at 708-599-4025.



Queen of Peace confers athletic awards

(Burbank) Queen of Peace High School is pleased to announce the names of the peace Pride basketball athletes who have been recognized for outstanding performance. Pictured clockwise from bottom left: Laura Carnevale (Oak Lawn) - Frosh Leadership Award; LaToya Howell (85th Tripp) - Varsity Most Valuable Athlete; Tina Baier (Oak Lawn) - Varsity Most Improved Athlete; Michelle Marzek (Evergreen Park) - Sophomore Leadership Award; Mary Carnevale (Oak Lawn) - Varsity Leadership Award and Winter Scholar Athlete.

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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Local fireman talks safety

by Rick Techman

A natural gas and fire safety discussion, led by a local Chicago Fire Department investigator, shaped the March 20th meeting of the Garfield-Ridge Civic League. About 40 community advocates attended the meeting which, as usual, was open to the public.

Terry Shephard from the Office of Fire Investigation, explained the hazards present with the old flexible brass couplers as they relate to natural gas connections in resident's homes.

Shephard said, "these gas connectors are failing because we're dealing with two metals. You have a solder connection," he added, "dealing with brass. And there is some sort of reaction there to the point where you have failure."

Shephard said without a pilot light even a minor gas leak can cause an explosion like the one that rocked the Garfield-Ridge community last February. He said an explosion like that can be prevented by checking couplers when moving, and having a professional install gas appliances.

The company that produced the brass flexible coupler that caused February's explosion went out of business according to Shephard. He explained if an individual decides to install gas appliances himself, and an explosion occurs following the installation, the insurance company has only the installer to blame since the manufacture is shut down.

Shephard explained if an individual suspects a gas leak in the Chicago building he should call the Chicago Fire

Department immediately and they will respond quickly to his call. Shephard added if the CFD, with their sensitive equipment, can't find the leak, they will call the gas company for the individual.

Shephard explained the professionals with the gas company will quickly respond to the CFD call. The gas company's sensitive equipment should pick up anything the CFD couldn't find.

Shephard said for a small fee the gas company will visit residential locations to check for gas leaks and install gas appliances. He assured everyone at the meeting that the money paid for professional service is negligible compared to the cost of a new home.



Garfield Ridge and Clearing civic league Midway noise committee working together

Dear Editor,

I along with several members of our home owners and with the help of Patrick Quinn, our lawyer presented overwhelming evidence to the Cook County Assessor and the Cook County Board of Review that noise and pollution from aircraft at Midway Airport has a negative effect on property values in the Midway Airport area. Our evidence included a report from the Federal Aviation Administration that aircraft noise and pollution could decrease property values by 10 to 15 percent, and a report by Professor Marvin Franklin that property values around O'Hare could lose as

much as 26 percent of their value.

As a result, at least 92 residents have qualified for a tax reduction and over 400 more are under review. Add to that the City of Chicago and the Department of Aviation have insulated most of the schools and many of the homes around the airport. They have also approved another \$20 million in noise insulation money for this year.

In spite of all this evidence our new Aviation Commissioner, Thomas R. Walker recently stated "THE COOK COUNTY ASSESSORS OFFICE AND THE

COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW RECENTLY DETERMINED THAT REAL PROPERTY VALUES IN COMMUNITIES NEAR MIDWAY AIRPORT ARE NOT NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY AIRCRAFT NOISE." I don't see how Commissioner Walker can justify that statement. It reflects on his honesty and any future efforts to get more money for noise insulation in the area around our Chicago Airports. He owes us an apology or an explanation.

The Latin name for Wednesday—*Die Mercurii*—honors the Roman messenger god, Mercury.

Queen of Peace goes global

(Burbank) Queen of Peace students (left) Kelly Matthes (52nd Major) and Kristen North (4300/77th Place) present the traditions of Asia in the annual Global Showcase.

The Global Showcase is presented each year by students in Global Studies, an interdisciplinary course that integrates world history and world literature. The Showcase provides an opportunity for students to portray the clothing, music, dance, historical background and traditions of their assigned region through an original one-act script. Each presentation includes handouts and wall displays.

Opposition bows to Lipinski, Bataglia

by Rick Techman

The November political contests in the 23rd Ward are already beginning to take shape with the official outcome of the March primary showing two strong community leaders as victorious.

Congressman William O. Lipinski (D-3) carried his district by 90 percent against his congressional opponent. Lipinski's Chief of Staff, Jerry Hurckes, explained anytime a candidate wins by such a wide margin it can be recognized as a mandate.

Hurckes added, despite the extremist policies of the extremist policies of Lipinski's opponent, R. Benedict Mayers, voter education can still be difficult and not reach everyone. Therefore, he explained this primary was clearly a vote for Lipinski and a likely tenth term in Congress.

Political parties in each ward of Chicago elect a Ward Committeeman every presidential election year, in the primary. The Ward Committeeman, of each party, leads their respective organization through the politics of each election cycle.

Lipinski, unopposed, garnered an official count of 9,724 votes for 23rd Ward Democratic Committeeman. The GOP primary offered voters a three-way contest for 23rd Ward Republican Committeeman.

Joe Battaglia, a decorated Chicago Police Officer, made his second run against former State Senator Robert M. Raica for the 23rd Ward Republican Committeeman seat. Raica has held the GOP seat since 1996.

Battaglia enjoyed a victory of more than 100 votes out of 768 ballots cast this year.

The official vote count for 23rd Ward Republican Committeeman was Battaglia, 388, Raica, 280 and Emo Cundari, 120.

Battaglia campaigned on a reform platform to rebuild the 23rd Ward Republican organization and offer neighborhood voters a return to the two-party system. Raica made no such attempt to build a two-party system after his defeat for state senate in the March, 1996 primary.

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Spring fest at Our Lady of the Snows

Our Lady of the Snows is planning its annual Spring-Fest on April 7th, 8th, 9th at 4810 S. Leamington. Friday night doors open at 5:30 for Super Bingo. Games start at 7:00 the cost of admission is \$20.00. Saturday night will be a family event. We will be having a Spring Fashion Show. Come See You Special Some-Bunny model their Easter outfits. Doors open at 6:00 a buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 followed by the fashion show. Tickets are \$15.00 for an adult and \$7.00

for a child Sunday will by family day. Start the day with a continental Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at 9:00 am. There will be games for children of all ages. Come see Pikachu and Charizard from 1 to 2 bring your camera, Sue's Party Animals will be here from 3 to 4. We will also have a 24 ft. climbing wall from 12 to 3, a fire engine, mounted police, canine unit and a jumping jack will also be here. We have Bingo, Booths, Food, Raffles and Pulltabs. The day will end at

5:00 PM with the drawing of our "5 for \$25" and Basket Raffle. Please join us for a fun filled weekend. For additional information contact Angel Cregan at 773-585-8706 or Geri Yarka at 773-735-1627.

St. Daniel the Prophet offers bingo

Every Friday night doors open at 5:00 p.m. and games begin at 7:00 p.m. Location is 5337 S. Natoma, Chicago, IL. downstairs in Brennan Hall. Two games worth \$500, three worth \$125. All regular games \$80. Also lightning raffle, tic-tac-toe raffle, split the pot, hot sheet, pull tabs, and door prizes weekly and monthly. Summer months we have air-conditioning. For more information call Norma Mazur, bingo chairperson, at 773-586-1952.



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Palos Hills accused of using non union workers for new center

by Carlene E. O'Connor

At the Palos Hills City Council meeting of Thursday, March 16, the meeting opened with union officials requesting that the contractor building the community center use their workers. It was brought to the council's attention that some workers on this project are making as little as \$8.00 per hour.

Mayor Bennett assured the crowd of approximately 100 men that this would be looked into and that the city attorney, George Pappas would contact the contractor to sign in and out and state their wage.

If it is not union scale Mayor Bennett would cease work on the center by having the police department ask these workers to leave the site.

In the mayor's report, Stress Stoppers, the massage establishment located at 106th and Roberts Road will cease doing business at the end of the month. That was the settlement that was reached in court. Mr. Stefik, owner was found not guilty in the criminal matter, but has decided to relocate.

The 2000/01 city budget is balanced. It represents a 3% increase, less than that even from last year over all numbers. The general fund budget is \$4,652,934, with matching expenses at that number. The sewer and water budget is a balanced budget at \$2,770,018 with matching expenses. The Golf Municipal operating fund is approximately \$444,500., and it shows a slight surplus for and ending balance.

Mayor Bennett also gave condolences to the Galatte family for the loss of their father Joe Galatte. He was a business person in the city who was hard working and very dedicated.

Also to Al Rawert a long time resident of the community. He was a member of the North Palos Fire Protection District and he loved Palos Hills.

A resolution was passed for an Intergovernmental Agreement between the North Palos Fire Protection District and the city of Palos Hills. It's a basic agreement.

Alderman Pacek announced under the park department report that the installation of the playground at Michael Park should be completed by the end of next week. The next park to have equipment installed will be at the Indian Woods Park..

The meeting closed with Alderman Tomas reminding everyone to follow the guidelines in Palos Happenings for the chipper service. This service will resume again now that the weather is getting warmer.

friend or loved one. Participants must have completed the sex-week PCH Bereavement Education Series Before joining the support group. The next support group meeting is at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, in Conference Room A.

First Aid for Little People
Kids in kindergarten through third grade learn how to help themselves - and other - in an emergency during this one-hour American Red Cross class from 4 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 13. Cost is \$5 per child.

Back Care Class
A free one-hour program teaching spinal anatomy,



Magician Paul Lee will perform in the Dorothy Menker Theater in the Fine and Performing Arts Center Saturday, April 15, at 6 p.m. as part of the entertainment for the Starry, Starry Night fund-raising event.

Moraine Valley foundation offers 'Starry, Starry Nights'

The Moraine Valley Community College Foundation offers an entertainment gala under a "Starry, Starry Night" on Saturday, April 15, at 6 p.m. in the Fine and Performing Arts Center on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

Variety is the key word for the fund-raising event. Guests will be able to choose from a wide variety of dining experiences and also take part in a silent auction for a variety of items. In addition, a variety of performances are lined up to entertain guests throughout the evening.

Area restaurants will provide the dining experiences in the center's classrooms

decorated by local floral designers. Food and beverage will be served until 8:30 p.m. Patrons will be able to dine under a "Starry, Starry Night."

The silent auction will be held in the Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery. Guests will be able to bid on such items as vacation packages and sporting goods.

The Dorothy Menker Theater will be the setting for the evening's entertainment. Circus Boy, a comedian, juggler, and unicyclist, will lead off the program followed by the Magic of Paul Lee. Sons de Mexico will conclude the night's entertainment with their authentic music and

dancing.

During brief breaks between performances, raffle and silent auction winners will be announced.

As in the previous five years of the Moraine Valley Foundation's event, proceeds will benefit the Fine and Performing Arts Center. The funds raised will help the center keep ticket prices for the 2000/2001-season at about half of what they would cost at other venues.

Tickets for this gala event are on sale for \$100 for reserved seats on the main floor, \$75 for the balcony front rows, and \$50 for the remaining balcony seats. Tickets are expected to go quickly. Last year, the Foundation played to a full house.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the Foundation at (708) 974-5740.

Chicago Ridge library board seeks volunteers

The Chicago Ridge Public Library Board of Trustees is seeking to appoint a village resident to a vacant position on the board. Anyone inter-

ested in library policies, budgets, and the role a library plays in the community is invited to apply. The individual appointed to the position will serve until the election of April, 2001. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Library Director Kathleen McSwain at 708-423-7753.

Palos Community schedule for April

Palos Community Hospital will hold the following community programs in April. Please include them in your calendar listing. All programs are held at Palos Community Hospital, 12251 S. 80th Avenue, Palos Heights, unless otherwise indicated. For more information, call the Public Relations department at (708) 923-4742. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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Alateen

A support group for teenagers who have been affected by another's substance abuse. Meets at 8 p.m. on Tuesdays

in Conference Room A & B.

Families Anonymous

A support group for families affected by substance abuse. Meets at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays in Conference Room F.

New Direction Orientation

A medically supervised, low-calorie weight-management program for adults who need to lose 50 pounds or more. Free orientation sessions will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, April 5 & 19, in Suite 100 of Palos Community Hospital's primary care Center, 15300 West Avenue, Orland Park. For more information, call (708) 349-3438.

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There are more than 10,000 commercial radio stations broadcasting in the U.S., and about 2,000 non-commercial ones.

Cardinal George celebrates mass in E.P.

Francis Cardinal George will be the celebrant at a Mass commemorating the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice Monday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at Most Holy Redeemer

Church, 96th St. and Lawndale Ave., Evergreen Park. Edmund Rice is the founder of the Congregation of Christian Brothers, and namesake of Brother Rice High School. All friends of the Christian Brothers and the general public are invited to attend. Call 773-779-3410 for more details.

Residents complain that kids are taking the streets

by Jude Coyle

Two audience members asked Mayor Vacco to please do something about the kids that wander the streets in the evenings. Most are middle school age children. A gentleman complained that these kids are loud and their language is vulgar. They hang on street corners, in parks or sometime will block the streets and refuse to move even for cars. He described how he had ridden his bike and been threatened. He understands that the police can't be everywhere at all times, but he does wonder where the parents are and if they know how their children are acting.

Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce has asked area villages to support Senate Bill, 1577 and 1393. Senator Patrick O'Malley sponsored both bills. Both bills are pertaining to the rail industry. (Senate Bill 1393 recently passed the Senate but did not pass the house of representatives. Contact Rep. Brosnahan regarding these two bills as to which bill passed both houses.)

Ordinance 10-2000 concerns rental housing. Apartment building owners must register each building with the village no later than June 1 each year, or within 20 days after a change of ownership. A \$20 fee for each dwelling unit will be paid at the time of registration, or \$40 for late registration. The village can terminate water and sewer service to any building not registered. Each building will be inspected by the building commissioner, and after that inspection, an inspection certificate will be issued. That certificate is good for 12 months.

The following have applied for business regulation certificates:

- * Just the scent of it (Perfume, oils and aroma therapy located in Evergreen Plaza.
- * The War Zone (Retail, hobby and gaming shop) 3558 W. 95th St.,
- * Barb's All Breed Dog Grooming, 3917 W. 95th St.
- * Rainbow Financial Services, Inc. (Mortgage broker & home loan financing) 3552 W. 95th St.

By: F.J. Soczek

Negotiations by the Village of Oak Lawn to purchase the "Sweeney Building" on Cook Avenue have apparently reached a stalemate, due to what Village manager Joe Faber described as "monetary and environmental issues."

The controversial plan to demolish the 2 storey structure to create additional parking facilities has evoked the ire of the soon to be displaced tenants, as well as many citizens of the community.

The Village Board unanimously approved the purchase last year, but it was not until recently when the current tenants received notices to vacate the premises by the end of April that the perceived finality of the move became apparent.

The Village had publicly announced the displaced businesses would be "assisted" if they chose to relocate within the Village, but it was reiterated that rent allowances could not be extended since the Village did not yet have legal title to the property.

Pat Bartell, owner of Southwest Music and a tenant in the building, expressed her dismay at what she stated to have been vacant "promises made by the Village." Bartell intimated "Jim Webb (Village Economic Development Mgr.) looked me in the eye and said 'Don't worry. We will help you.'"

Immediately following Bartell's statement, Trustee Wm. Keane jumped to Webb's defense, stating he (Webb) was not present, and therefore unable to

respond to Bartell's statement.

Webb's frequent absence from crucial Village Board meetings involving "relocation assistance" was soundly criticized by resident Andy Skoun-drianos—"Webb should be here!"

Trustee Robt. Streit suggested the offer for the Sweeney Bldg. be withdrawn due to the lack of progress in the negotiations, but the majority concurred no action should be taken until the next Board meeting, April 25th.

The consensus was that the latter option might allow the displaced tenants several months additional time if the Village "owned" the property prior to the April 30 eviction date.

Neighboring business proprietor Hilda Breuer of the *Browsatorium* Antique shop earnestly implored the Board to provide some concrete answers regarding the Village's intentions and a specific timetable for the proposed TIF district development.

Hilda and Jeff Breuer have operated their shop for over 29 years in one of the few remaining "historic" structures in the Village.

Watching the Board of Trustees purchase surrounding properties without providing a clue

that might indicate "which building would be next" had caused widespread consternation among businesses remaining within the TIF boundaries.

No member of the Village Board came forward to answer Hilda Breuer's inquiry.

In other matters, Trustee Marjorie Joy urged support of Illinois Senate Bill 1393, which would increase penalties for railroads "engaged in the chronic obstruction of grade crossings."

Following an investigation, the fines would increase substantially from the current, petty offense status. Joy noted the crossing at 108th & Central has long been a problem for residents in the surrounding areas.

Developers of the Eagle Ridge were formally notified permits for future construction projects would not be issued until a "punch list" noting project deficiencies was completed.

Several angry residents of the development addressed the Board and complained about the quality of work performed on their expensive homes.

Liquor licenses were approved for the following businesses: J.J. Peppers, 6765 W. 95th St., Vinod Patel, 9030 S. Cicero and FSK Inc., 5651 W. 87th St.

An Easter Egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 22nd at 11:30am, Noon and 12:30 pm. (3 separate egg hunts) on the Village Green.

Lyons passes child support bill

Legislation designed to help in child support enforcement and sponsored by State Representative Eileen Lyons (R-Western Springs) was passed out of the Senate Yesterday. House Bill 2979 states that any financial information obtained before a subpoena or notice was given can be admitted into evidence in support proceedings.

"This bill will help the courts in determining the amount of support a parent can reasonably be ordered to pay," said Lyons. "There are some cases where people try to lighten their finances after they have been served. It is important for the court to have access to their records to determine how much they should pay."

This legislation allows a prosecutor to introduce business records and financial records without laying the proper foundation. Lyons said that laying the foundation can sometimes be very complicated and time consuming.

"Letting a prosecutor use records they already have, without having to lay a new foundation, will make prosecuting these cases more efficient," said Lyons.

The legislation is supported by the Department of Public Aid, the Illinois State Bar Association and the DuPage County State's Attorney.

The legislation has been passed by both chambers of the General Assembly and now moves on to the governor for approval.

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The 11th annual cavalcade of bands

The Southwest Community concert Band, under the direction of Leo Henning, will be presenting its' eleventh annual Cavalcade of Bands on Saturday, April 29th, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be presented in the gymnasium of Moraine Valley Community College, 10900 S. 88th Avenue, Palos Hills.

In addition to the SWCCB, featured bands will include the Tinley Park Arts Alive! Community Band, under the direction of Stephen J. Platko, the Joliet Junior College Community Band, under the direction of Jerry E. Lewis, and the West Suburban Community Band, directed by Henry Hiorns.

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Law enforcement by special interests -- Consumers lose again

Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson's Microsoft decision immediately sent the stock market into a record-breaking fall. Fortunately for the market, there was a modest, but spasmodic rebound. While the billions of dollars that were whipped out in one afternoon grabbed most of the headlines, there is one alarming development that has been largely overlooked. The law enforcement responsibilities of both the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the attorneys general from several states have been surrendered to special interests and the highest bidder.

Immediately after the Microsoft settlement talks broke down, it was reported that the terms of the proposed settlement agreement had been shared with Scott McNealy, the chairman of Sun Microsystems, a chief Microsoft rival. Other rivals were also allowed to review and "critique" the terms of the proposed agreement. These rivals were reportedly "alarmed" that the settlement was too limited and did not sufficiently harm Microsoft. These rivals expressed their dissatisfaction to government officials and desire for tougher terms.

Law enforcement is supposed to be above politics and

above gamesmanship. It is supposed to be about impartially enforcing and upholding the law. When government becomes involved in antitrust litigation, it is supposed to represent the interests of the American people and consumers - not the direct competitors of the company being investigated.

The government has an awesome enforcement power and is required to enforce the law ethically and impartially. But this Department of Justice and a group of state attorneys general apparently believe they are above the law. Moreover, when the government seeks approval and input about a settlement agreement from the competitors of the company being investigated, it brings into question who the government is actually working for. Are the attorneys general and the Department of Justice trying to satisfy the law or simply appease Microsoft's competitors? Unfortunately, the facts speak for themselves.

Let's get one point straight from the start - it would be normal and completely ethical if government officials had merely interviewed witnesses in competing companies to determine the facts of this case. However, government officials were not

learning the facts when they colluded with the competitors of Microsoft. This litigation has been in progress for several years. The fact finding phase of the trial ended a long time ago. Months ago, Judge Jackson issued an exhaustive, phonebook-sized document called the "findings of fact." At this point, the parties know the facts.

The collusion between government officials and competitors of Microsoft was about one thing - did Microsoft's competitors find the proposed settlement satisfactory? Or more bluntly stated, did the settlement agreement sufficiently damage Microsoft so that its competitors were confident that they could seize upon some business advantage?

It is nothing short of outrageous that competitors would be asked if they thought that settlement agreement was "rough enough" on Microsoft. If you were a competitor of Microsoft, no fine - no matter how high, and no penalty - no matter how severe, would be satisfactory. If they had their way, the government would put Microsoft out of business, sell its assets at a public auction and give the proceeds to them.

What makes this entire unsavory legal and ethical lapse even worse is that Microsoft's competitors can use the legal findings from the government's case in their own follow-up lawsuits against Microsoft. Thus, the government has in a very real way become the co-counsel with Microsoft's competitors. Again, who is the Justice Department representing? Who are the attorneys general representing? Whose interests are they pursuing? Consumers? Or competitors?

Antitrust enforcement is not about satisfying or appeasing the competitors of a company being investigated. It is about protecting consumers from monopolies. But consumers do not need protection from Microsoft. Computers and software are now cheaper, more powerful and more user-friendly than ever - in large part, due to Microsoft's innovations. Microsoft gives away its web browser and e-mail program for free. Microsoft's other products such as Word, Excel, and Power Point are extremely popular because they are powerful, easy to use, and relatively inexpensive.

The recent actions of government officials in the Microsoft case go well beyond the law and any standard of acceptable ethic. Unfortunately, consumers are the biggest losers.

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"Every good and perfect gift is from above." —James 4:17

(NAPS)—Many modern Americans are considering these words when giving gifts and presenting what a surprising number consider the perfect gift: a Bible.

A recent study found 61 percent of respondents definitely would appreciate receiving a Bible; 27 percent probably would. Most Bibles in America were originally received as gifts.

"For many people, a new Bible could be a heart-warming, life-changing gift," said Doug Knox, V.P. of Tyndale House Publishing, co-publisher of "The Book," a Bible in plain, contemporary English. "As the quest for spirituality continues to grow across America, people are open to receiving inspiring gifts. 'The Book', in particular, with its current-day language, can bring a fresh understanding to a timeless treasure."

According to the study, a majority of Americans have a desire to grow spiritually.

"While most homes own a Bible, many adults don't read

it because it's too difficult to understand," said Tom Knox, V.P. for the Christian Broadcasting Network. "That's why 'The Book' can be an ideal gift. We've designed it to show that the Bible is not only easy-to-read and understand, it's also contemporary, relevant and gives answers for today." CBN is one of the largest Christian television ministries in the



For many people seeking the meaning of life, a Bible can be a useful and treasured gift.

world. A multi-faceted, non-profit organization, it provides programming by cable, broadcast and satellite to more than 90 countries.

"The Book" is based on the New Living Translation—considered the fastest growing, easiest-to-read and accurate translation available. It looks and reads like a novel and

includes a topical helpfinder, making it easy to find the right verse; an overview of the Bible; book introductions; a "Where Can I Find it?" section, featuring 12 well-known passages and page numbers; and helpful indexes for "Great Chapters from 'The Book'," and "Great Stories from 'The Book'."

It comes in a variety of formats, including:

- "The Book for Teens"
- The New Testament in dramatic stereo cassette
- "The Book" on CD-ROM

These can be found in mainstream and Christian bookstores, discount stores such as Wal-Mart and K-Mart, drug and grocery stores, gift stores and on the Internet. To learn more, see www.cbnnow.com.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Just as overweight, inactive humans need to reduce the amount of calories and fat in their diets, so too do less-active, overweight cats. Feeding a reduced calorie cat food such as Purina ONE brand cat food Reduced Calorie Formula can help obese felines get back to their ideal weight and keep older,

less active cats in good body condition.

A well-educated consumer is in the best position to plan a strong and secure financial future, says Kevin Frawley, Chief Compliance Officer of Prudential's Individual Financial Services.

A new book, *Your Hidden Food Allergies are Making You Fat*, says that food intolerances can make weight loss difficult and cause other medical problems. The book is

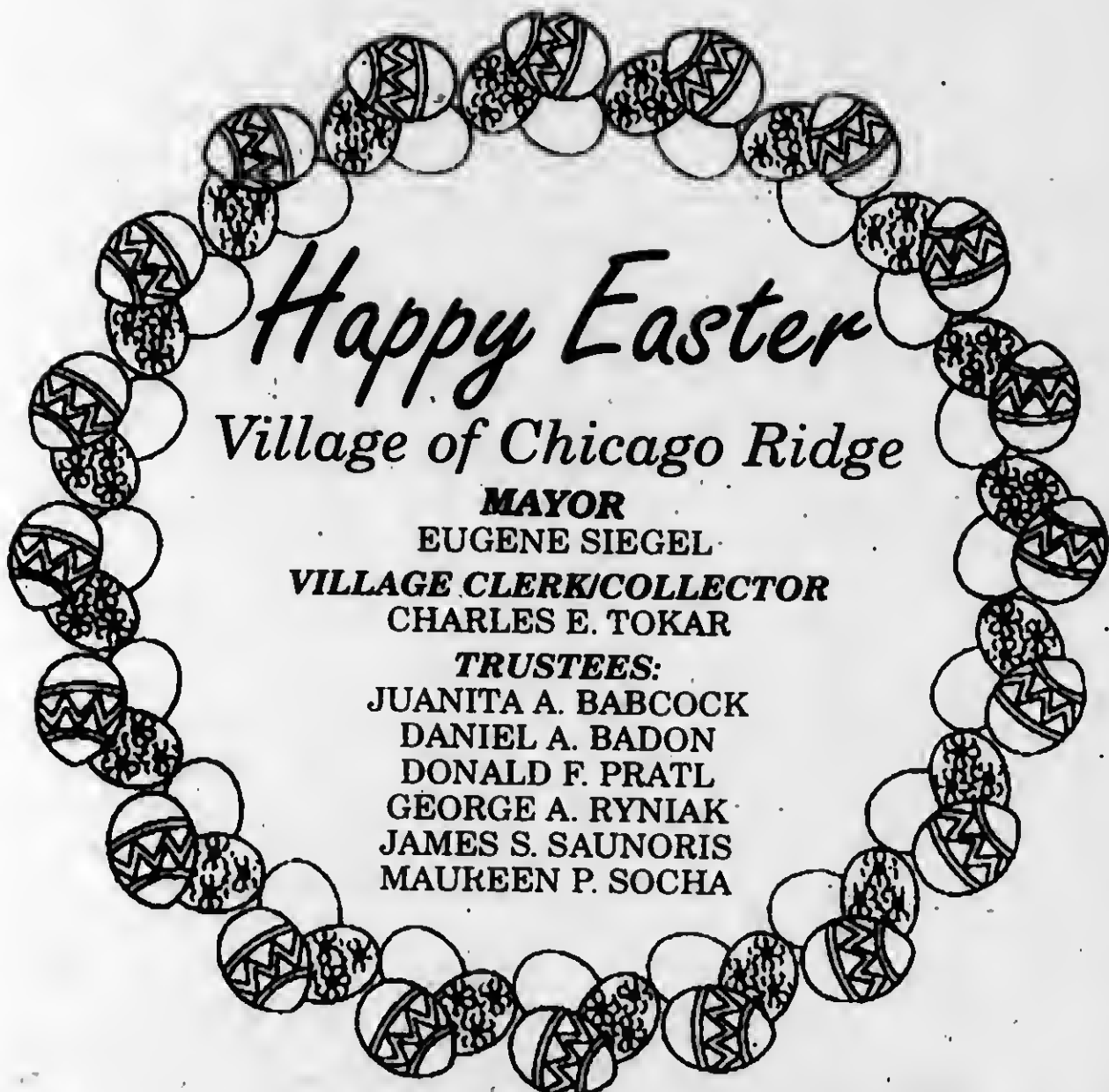


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According to Safilo USA, distributors of Polo Ralph Lauren, Gucci and Christian Dior eyewear in the U.S., the latest trends in sunglasses include sporty wrap styles, tinted lenses in vivid colors like orange, blue raspberry and violet, and futuristic "shield" sunglasses which cover both eyes with one continuous brightly colored lens.



Joseph Caspar Mezzofanti, an Italian priest, was fluent in 39 languages including Chaldean, Hindi, Hebrew, Algonquin, Armenian, Syriac, Bulgarian and Coptic.



Condo associations of Palos Hills voice their concerns

by Carlene O'Connor

At the city council meeting of April 6th the meeting opened with comments from the Condo Association of Palos Hills. Their concern was the land behind Stagg high school remaining a "nature sanctuary" rather than athletic fields which the school wants. Mayor Bennett accepted the comments and invited them to express their viewpoints at the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting of April 26th at Conrady Jr. High School in Hickory Hills. The Meeting will be at 7:00 pm.

Under the legislation report a resolution was passed banning smoking in the city of Palos Hills facilities both public and private areas except for the Mayor's office in City Hall.

Alderman Pasek reported under the park department that the Michael Park's main play area structure is complete. The other two areas in the Michael Park should be completed by the beginning of May. The gazebo for the park will be constructed later this spring. Loveland park is next on the schedule.

Alderman Meier stated in the planning and zoning report that Steve Underwood of 10250 S. Robert Road requests a non exotic Tattoo studio for piercing and retail art sales. The hearing date is set for April 24th at 7:30 pm.

Alderman Tomas closed the meeting setting a ditch culvert policy. The city of Palos Hills Public works department prohibits the culvert of ditch lines in areas without curb and gutters unless compensatory storage is developed elsewhere on the property equal to the volume of the ditch being culvertized.

All ditch line culvert requests in the above mentioned area should be accompanied by a topography study indicating the elevations of the ditch and surround area, volume of the ditch being culvertized, the elevation and location of the compensatory storage area and surrounding area, and all materials being utilized for the project.

The topography study will be submitted for review by the city engineer. Only after approval is given will a permit be granted

and work commence. All permit fees, labor, and materials will be provided by the property owner. Flood plain areas are not subject to the above policy as culvertization of ditch lines in flood plain areas is prohibited.

Tomas went on to give the waste management report for 2000 quarterly solid waste. It reads, as follows: all recyclables: 968.88 tons, all landscape waste: 1,016.26 tons. All municipal solid waste: 3659.28 ton. Total solid waste 5,644.42 tons.

Tomas stated, "that recyclables are at 26 percent, a very high percentage for our town and bringing revenue in for our children."

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For craft and recipe ideas that use marshmallow peeps, visit www.marshmallowpeeps.com.

The Earth We Share, an international science camp created by an astronaut, can be found at www.tews2000.org.

To test your cancer prevention IQ, go to www.discoveryhealth.com or www.cancer.org.

The Box Tops for Education program is at www.bboxtops4education.com.

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The Auditorium Theatre's Concert Celebrations of Great American Musicals has just completed its third offering in its OVATION series: ONE TOUCH OF VENUS. It was originally produced on Broadway in 1943, and features such classic songs as "Foolish Heart", "I'm a Stranger Here Myself", "That's Him", and the torchy standard "Speak Low". The libretto was written by two celebrated humorists: poet Ogden Nash and short story writer S.J. Perelman. OVA-TIONS! is modeled after the ENCORES! concert series produced in New York City Center. The book is by S.J. Perelman based on a recently unveiled statue of Venus which magically comes to life when an unwitting young barber placed a ring on the

statue's finger. After much comic confusion the goddess happily turns back to marble after envisioning her humdrum life as a barber's wife in Ozone Heights.

The very notable cast includes local Roy Leonard as the Narrator, and broadcaster John Callaway's daughter Liz Callaway in the role of Venus. When 'Venus' originally opened on Broadway in 1943 it had an impeccable pedigree. Kurt Weill composed the music, the poet Ogden Nash wrote the lyrics and with fellow humorist S.J. Perelman, Elia Kazan was the director, Agnes De Mille was the choreographer and Mary Martin was the star (after Marlene Dietrich had turned down the title role. Despite all this, and despite its initial

success, the musical is rarely revived. Presented in a concert version (the actors carrying scripts) it is once again on stage. There is no scenery, and the actors are dressed in formal wear.

Next up in the Auditorium Theatre's OVATION series is Rogers and Hart's BABES IN ARMS scheduled for May 18-21 performances. The timely musical classics featured in it are My Funny Valentine, The Lady is a Tramp, I Wish I Were in Love Again, Where of When, and Johnny One Note. A noted commentator recently said "the glory days of the American musical is revisited in high style. For tickets call 312-902-1500.



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Increasing presence in the Tinley and Orland Park area

Century 21 Pro-Team, an award winning southwest Suburban real estate organization, announced the opening of its third and newest office in Tinley Park. Century 21 Pro-Team is owned by real estate broker, Chuck Dinolfo.

Located in Tinley Park within the Courtyard Office Center, at 7817 West 159th Street, Century 21 Pro-Team will offer a full range of real estate services, specializing in residential, commercial, new construction representation, and investment property sales in Tinley Park, Orland Park, and surrounding suburbs.

"We're thrilled to be increasing our presence in the Tinley and Orland Park areas with the opening of this new branch office. We have always serviced these areas from our Oak Lawn and Lockport/Homer offices, however this new presence on 159th Street will enhance our ability to serve the people within these communities along with those seeking to relocate to the area. We pride ourselves in a highly trained, quality service oriented staff using the latest technology to service our clients, while providing a wide range of local, national, and Internet advertising to satisfy customer

demands", said Dinolfo.

Like all firms in the Century 21 system, Century 21 Pro-Team will be independently owned and operated, but will share the market power and benefit of association with the consumers true #1 recognized name in Real Estate. After all, this is the 21st Century!

"Having worked in the Southwest Suburban real estate market for many years, I look forward to sharing the benefits of being part of the nation's most dynamic real estate organization by providing our clients with a new world of convenience, savings and choices," said Dinolfo.



Did You Know?

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Marist hosts summer camps

Marist High School is offering a variety of activities throughout the summer for all ages of boys and girls. Basketball camps are offered for grade school age girls. For grade school age boys, there are baseball, basketball, football, soccer, volleyball and wrestling.

Baseball (Boys) Six sessions of one-week baseball camps are being offered from June 5th through June 23rd. Sessions will be for those entering 5th and 6th, 7th and 8th and fresh/soph in the fall. There is also a special session for pitchers and catchers. The cost of the baseball camp is \$50.00 per session.

Basketball (Boys and Girls) The boy's basketball camp is for those entering 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th grades and incoming freshmen. There are six weekly sessions running from June 12th through June 23rd, with a special one-week shooting camp from 26th through the 30th. The cost of the boy's basketball camp is \$50.00.

There are two camps offered for girls the week of July 5th through the 7th (Wednesday through Friday). The 5th and 6th grade session is from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and the session for 7th and 8th grade girls is from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. The cost

for the girl's basketball camp is \$35.00 per session.

Youth Football (Boys) A one-week instructional football camp for boys going into grades 6, 7, and 8 will be offered between Monday, July 31st and Thursday, August 3rd from 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. The camp will focus on the basic techniques and skills needed to play the game of football. The camp will also include a 7 on 7 passing tournament to be played throughout the week. The cost of the boy's youth football camp is \$40.00.

Football for Incoming Freshmen (Boys) This mini-camp, which is offered from July 31st through August 3rd, 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. will lead to the beginning of fall practice, and is mandatory to play freshman football at Marist High School. The cost of this camp is \$75.00 (\$45 for the camp and \$30 for T-shirt, shorts, and practice jersey).

Soccer (Boys) This camp is designed to enhance basic skills and promote greater understanding of tactics on the field. Session one, for incoming freshmen, runs from June 19th through June 23rd, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Session two for 7th and 8th graders runs from June 26th through June 30th, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Both

camps cost \$50.00, which includes a camp T-shirt.

Volleyball (Boys) Volleyball camp at Marist is for boys entering grades 6 through 9, and will be conducted by Marist Volleyball Coaches and former Marist players. This is a great opportunity to increase skills and knowledge in the sport of Volleyball. The session runs from July 31st through August 4th 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. The cost of this camp is \$50.00.

Wrestling (Boys) The boy's wrestling camp is for young men in grades 7 through 12. Instruction will be in three styles of wrestling: folk, free style and Roman Greco. The camp will run from June 6th through June 29th on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$50.00.

Detailed information and registration forms for these camps can be obtained in the Main Office at Marist High School, 4200 West 115th Street, Chicago (773) 881-5300.

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Here's how the free service works:

- Users visit the Web site and register by providing their name and email address. They then select a graphic template from which to create their invitation.

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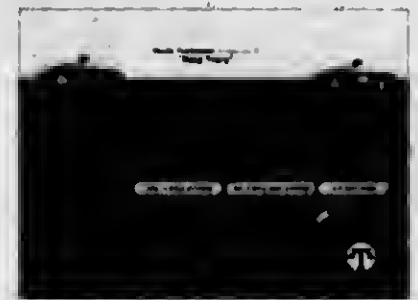
Once selected, the invitations are personalized. At this point the host can also include information such as directions, weather reports or a choice of times and dates.

The Web site sends the invitation to guests, via email, with a link to the Web site. When the guests click on the invitation they are brought to the Web site where they can RSVP as well as post and receive messages via a bulletin board and get weather updates.

In addition to social events, business profes-

sionals can use this free service to coordinate meetings, online events, conference calls and seminars.

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FOOD FOR SECONDS



Easter holiday blends well with Greek traditions, warmth

by: Anita Anderson

What do you think of when Greece comes to mind? Sun, hospitality, music and the azure sea?

Papagus, the Greek Taverna in Oakbrook at 272 Oakbrook Center will offer patrons a taste of Greek Easter when foods of Greek harbor towns with emphasis on fresh seafood dot the menu.

Charbroiled red snapper, Aegean Cobb salad, Mediterranean flat bread and a hot lamb platter add to the new fare. Chef David Kramer who presides over the Papagus, a Lettuce Entertain You Enterprise, at 620 North State promises the same Greek food at Oakbrook location you have come to expect at Papagus.

Kramer created a traditional Greek Custard dessert, Bougasta, the night we sampled his fare but with a Phyllo dough. Plus a Chocolate Kataifi with a shredded dough baked with honey and topped with vanilla custard, chocolate gnoche and whipped cream. Forget calories.

Appetizers on the Papagus menu include Petals of Paros, crispy fried eggplant with a garlic spread. At \$5.95 its almost a meal. Then there is a Shrimp Saganaki with its baked shrimp, feta cheese, tomatoes, leeks and lobster sauce at \$8.95.

Flatbreads offered include the unusual quartet of Santorini, Mykonos, chicken or a mushroom medley. The breads are oven baked and hand rolled unleavened Mediterranean flatbreads.

Prices for each average about \$6.

Each day Pegasus offers a daily special. On Friday, when we dined we sampled a char-grilled fresh whitefish with her rice and the catch of the day, halibut. Chef Kramer said the halibut was the first of the season and he seasoned it perfectly with a pilaf accompaniment.

On Easter, amid a festive, lively atmosphere holiday diners will enjoy a special five-course meal which includes a roasted leg of lamb entree, marinated in fresh herbs, garlic and lemon, a Magiritsa soup, Easter chopped salad, char-grilled meatballs and a celebration of selected desserts which highlights a crispy phyllo with fresh fruit and custard, cookies and Greek Easter breads. The regular menu is also available. Prices for the special Easter menu is \$17.95 per person.

For reservations call at Oakbrook's Pegasus at 630-472-9800. Following are recipes courtesy of Chef Kramer.

Papagus Greek Taverna Concept
Pastitsio
2 1/2 lbs Straw Pasta
6 ounce Whole Butter
1 lbs Kefalograviera
Cheese - Grated
8 Whole Eggs
dash Salt
dash White Pepper
.07 ounce Nutmeg
Moussaka Meat sauce (see below)
2 cups Bechamel
Method
First cook straw pasta until soft. Drain in colander.

After well drained use large mixing bowl, melt butter - cool slightly. Add to pasta along with salt, white pepper, nutmeg, cheese, beat whole egg well, add to bowl and mix everything well. Add meat sauce last mix again. Divide mixture into two hotel pans that have been sprinkled with kefalograviera cheese. Pat down, make sure noodles are pushed down. Cook in a 350 degree oven for eight minutes.

Moussaka Meat Sauce
5 lbs Ground Beef
5 lbs Ground Lamb
1 lb Spanish onions
diced and sliced
1/2 large or 1 small Cinnamon Stick
2 oz Salt
.5 oz White Pepper
2 oz Garlic Peeled
3 Bay leaves
1/2 qt Red Wine
dash Canine
dash Coriander
dash Oregano
dash Curry
1-10 oz can Ground Tomato
3-10 oz cans Water

Method
1. First start by sauteing onions. When ready add ground beef, ground lamb, brown the meat, stir and break up so meat is small.

2. After meat is well browned, drain grease. Add sliced Onions then red wine followed by all spices. Next add ground tomato and water.

3. Cook over medium fire until liquid is reduced and sauce is thickened.

Rice Pudding
6 cups Risotto (soak w/ running water)

4 quarts Half & Half
20 oz Sugar
4 Cinnamon Sticks
2 Oranges (Zest & Juice)

4 quarts Heavy Cream
Cream Anglaise
1 quart Half & Half
2 Vanilla Beans
8 Egg Yolks
9 oz Sugar

4 Whole Eggs
1 cup Vanilla Extract
3/4 cup Grand Mariner
(optional) white Raisins
4 cups



Rich, luscious dessert stars

Not long after the first frost disappears, thoughts turn to Easter entertaining and, ultimately, dessert. Cheesecake is a frequent headliner on holiday menus and for good reason. Other

Cranberry-orange Cheesecake
Crust
1-1/2 cups wheat germ, any flavor

1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 egg white
2 teaspoons water
1 tablespoon butter of margarine

Cheesecake
1/2 cup dried cranberries

1/4 cup orange juice
2 packages (8 oz each) reduced-fat cream cheese, softened
3/4 cup granulated sugar
3 large eggs
1 cup reduced-fat sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon grated orange peel
1 can (8 oz.) jellied cranberry sauce
1 to 2 tablespoons water, as needed
1. Heat oven to 350 degrees F
2. For crust, combine wheat germ, brown sugar and cinnamon in medium bowl; mix well. Beat together egg white and water with fork

until frothy. Add to wheat germ mixture, mixing until dry ingredients are evenly moistened. Using pastry blender or two knives, cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Press onto bottom and up sides of ungreased 9-inch springform pan. Bake 7 to 8 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely

3. While crust bakes, combine cranberries and orange juice in microwaveable bowl; cover and microwave on HIGH 1-1/2 minutes. Set aside.

4. In large bowl, beat cream cheese and granulated sugar with electric mixer until smooth. Add eggs; mix well. Beat in sour cream, vanilla and orange peel; continue beating until smooth. Gently fold in cranberries and any liquid in bowl. Pour into pan.

5. Bake cheesecake on center oven rack 50 minutes or until set around the edges (center will jiggle). Turn off oven; open oven door and let cake sit undisturbed for 30 minutes. Transfer to wire rack and cool completely. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

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Chicago Shakespeare Theater will bring back its Inaugural Season's popular *Short Shakespeare! Romeo and Juliet*, directed by Kim Rubinstein, which played to more than 50,000 audience members this spring. The *Chicago Sun-Times* called this production "...beautifully conveyed...searing with passion." With its inclusion in the "Summer on Stage at Navy Pier" lineup, visitors to Navy Pier can see this 75-minute, action-packed production performed in Chicago Shakespeare Theater's

525-seat, courtyard-style theater from June 29 through August 20. Performances are Thursday through Sundays at 11:00 a.m. Tickets to *Short Shakespeare!* are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children, ages 12 and under. A 15-minute discussion with cast members follows each performance.

"Summer on Stage at Navy Pier" also brings Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire's much-acclaimed production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, directed by Kenny Ingram, to Chicago Shakespeare's courtyard-style theater. Richard Christiansen of the *Chicago Tribune* hailed this production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical as "a pop dream of a show!" Dean Richards of WGN exclaimed, "It doesn't matter how many times you've seen this show. Go-go-go see *Joseph!*" The production opens Wednesday, June 21 with performances through August 20 as follows: Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 7:00 p.m., Saturdays at 2:00 p.m.

and 8:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Audiences at the Wednesday and Saturday shows are invited to enjoy Navy Pier's spectacular evening fireworks displays from the comfort of the Theater's lobbies. Tickets are \$38 for adults, \$28 for children, ages 12 and under. Discounts are available to groups of 30 or more.

The Second City production of *Hamlet! The Musical* will complete the "Summer on Stage at Navy Pier" lineup in the Chicago Shakespeare Studio on the sixth floor.

"*Hamlet! The Musical* begins performances on Thursday, June 22 and runs through August 20. Performances are Thursday at 8:00 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

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Governor announces \$3.1 million for Chicago Botanic garden

Governor George H. Ryan today announced grants totaling nearly \$3.1 million for improvements to the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe.

"The Chicago Botanic Garden is the largest and most comprehensive botanic garden in Illinois, and one of the nation's preeminent public gardens," Ryan said. "These new dollars will help this popular family attraction expand and develop new educational programs while protecting the habitat from erosion and pollution."

A state grant of \$855,000 will support development of Evening Island, the second largest of the Garden's nine islands. Evening Island, located at the heart of the Chicago Botanic Garden, will be a new teaching garden with permanent horticultural exhibits.

The funds will allow for grading and irrigation work, a new drainage system, restrooms, pedestrian walkways, a plaza area and a bridge connecting Evening Island to Main Island. The award is made available through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' Museum Capital Grants Program. The Museum Capital Grants Program requires

a \$2 dollar local or private match for every state dollar invested.

An additional \$274,465 in Public Museum Operating Grant funds will allow the Garden to expand the School of the Chicago Botanic Garden, the Community Gardening Programs and teacher training programs. The Public Museum Operating Grant Program is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The Botanic Garden will also receive \$69,680 from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Conservation 2000 program to improve the water quality of the Garden's 75-acres of lagoons. Improvements include inactivation of in-lake phosphorus, aquatic macrophyte management, shoreline erosion control, reduction of

watershed nutrient runoff, and a public education program on lake management stewardship.

The remaining award, \$1.9 million, has been allocated by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The funds will be used to stop erosion and reduce pollution along nearly 27,000 feet of shoreline on the lagoon of the Chicago Botanic Garden.

The erosion control measures include the construction of stone walls, and the use of native grasses, shrubs and other materials to control erosion while protecting the improving both the habitat and the aesthetic qualities of the lagoon area.

The entire project is scheduled to be completed by September 2002.

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Moraine Valley Community College news

Mechanical technologies department to host information sessions

Moraine Valley Community College's Mechanical Technologies Department will conduct two free career information sessions this spring. The sessions are for those who are interested in careers in the mechanical technologies field, including Automotive Technology, Heating and Air Conditioning, Non-Destructive Evaluation, Materials Technology, and Welding.

The sessions will take place on Tuesday, April 25. The first will meet from noon to 1:30 p.m. and the second will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Both sessions will meet in the Gerald R. Fogelson Family Technology Theater, located in the Center for Contemporary Technology, on the

campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

Topics will include program prerequisites, getting started at Moraine Valley, and general information about the mechanical technologies programs offered at the college, including lab tours and demonstrations. Faculty and staff members from each of the programs will be on hand to answer questions and meet with students individually.

For more information, call Dick Rackow, associate professor/coordinator of Automotive Technology and department chair of Mechanical Technologies, at (708) 974-5428 or Suzanne Kendryna, academic coordinator, at (708) 974-5303.

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The concert features four bands and will take place in the gym on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

About 250 musicians from all walks of life are involved. The southwest Community Concert Band, the Tinley Park Arts Alive Community Concert Band.

Each band will perform for about 30 minutes. The grand finale will feature all four bands performing "Stars and Stripes Forever," and "America the Beautiful."

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For more information, phone Barbara Dargis, College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742.

Oak Lawn garden club luncheon

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its' annual Spring Installation Luncheon at The House of Hughes Restaurant, 143000 S. Cicero, Crestwood on Thursday, April 27. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon followed by installation of officers. Roberta Janet, Nancy List, and Chris Kupscuk are in charge of arrangements for this event.

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Oak Lawn Community Church news

Spring Smorgasbord

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave. Oak Lawn, IL will hold their annual Spring Smorgasbord on Tuesday, May 2, 2000 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Enjoy a vast array of home cooked foods, including meats, vegetables, salads, relishes...topped off with desserts and beverages.

The price of the tickets is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children 4 - 12 years old and children 3 years and under are free. Tickets may be purchased at the door or call 708-599-4025 for more information.

Pokemon trading card party

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave. Oak Lawn, IL will hold their first Pokemon Trading Card Party on Saturday, April 29th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. There will be Pokemon raffle prizes, food and lots of fun. Bring your friends and come join us.

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Gator's Golf Guide Warm weather has golfers warming up



As you begin a new season, how do you practice? If you are a typical recreational golfer you come to the driving range, take no time to stretch or warm up prior to hitting, and then begin by pulling out big bertha and start swinging away as though it were mid season. Is it any wonder that within a short time after hitting balls you find yourself suffering from sore and aching muscles? In all likelihood you have not been practicing your golf swing during the winter, which means you are now using muscles that have not been used in five or six months.

Consider that in many of the different sports such as football, basketball, baseball, tennis, swimming, to mention a few, a warm up period precedes the start of the game or match. If other sports recognize the importance of stretching and warming up properly, isn't it equally important for golfers to do the same thing? Yet this is not the case in many instances. Many of the back and shoulder problems golfers experience could be prevented if stretching and a proper warm up were done before hitting balls.

In your practice sessions,

begin by first establishing good stretching exercises to insure that the muscles to be used are ready. When ready, begin with the high irons - the 8 and 9 and wedges. These are the shorter clubs and the easiest to hit and feel for most golfers. Start with short chip shots and gradually increase the hitting distance of these clubs. Work through the mid and low irons, finally hitting the woods only after having properly loosened up.

With a little more method to your practice sessions you may well help eliminate many of the sore muscles associated with early season.

There is a new teaching aid now available. It is a booklet entitled Your Personal Guide to a Good Set Up. If interested in the booklet of private golf lessons, Bob Gates can be contacted at (708) 425-8637 or (708) 857-2214.

73rd annual golden gloves boxing league

By: F.J. Soczek

The annual Chicago Golden Gloves boxing tournament culminated its 73rd season with an action-filled program April 12th at St. Andrew's gymnasium in Chicago.

The first tournament, conceived by Chicago sports writer Arch Ward in 1923 and sponsored by the *Chicago Tribune*, was held in the Chicago Stadium. After a 5 year hiatus due to legal wrangling, the second program resumed when boxing became legalized in Illinois.

Originally designed as a local competition, the popularity of the Golden Gloves Tournament quickly soared to national prominence. Finalists from the various regional competitions met annually on a rotating basis in either New York or Chicago.

The title of the tournament is derived from the miniature golden boxing glove trophy that was originally awarded to winners of each weight classification.

The roster of Golden Gloves winners reads like a "Who's who" in the world of amateur and professional boxing. Among those who would later achieve national recognition in the popular heavyweight division include Charles Liston, (St. Louis) Ernest Terrell, (Chicago) Jerry Quarry, (Los Angeles) Duane Bobick (Minneapolis) and Cassius Clay (Louisville).

This year's tournament has an interesting link with the past glories of the organization.

Claude Davis, owner of *A-Champs* limousine service, is a former sparring partner and personal friend of boxing champion Muhammed Ali.

A one time contender for the heavyweight title, Muhammed Stafoo (Claude) Davis now mentors (and sponsors through his limo-business) a young fighter in the heavyweight class, Russell Felger.

A 26 year old former Chicago Park District employee who trains out of Fuller Park in the city, Felger appears to be in capable hands with Davis and trainer Donnell Taylor, an ex-CYO and Chicago Park District boxer with a 38-5 record.

Felger began his boxing career five years ago and competed in 33 bouts prior to his Golden Gloves match at St. Andrew's. Preparation for the Chicago match with Chris O'Reilly of Garfield Park was intensive, with prolonged training and conditioning taking place six days a

week under the watchful eyes of Davis and Taylor.

The word "If" was conspicuously absent in a conversation with Davis regarding Fuller's chances for the Chicago Golden Gloves Heavyweight boxing title. "He will win..."

The aging, crowded gym was awash with enthusiastic fight fans and contestants practicing last minute moves on the main floor. Wild cheers and whistles erupted from the predominantly male crowd as two attractive, swim-suit clad "Corona Beer Girls" took turns prancing about the ring, holding high a poster declaring the upcoming round.

The Golden Gloves promoters certainly paid more than lip-service to the phrase "equal opportunity," as two bouts featured female boxers in different weight categories.

The penultimate match between Fuller and O'Reilly did indeed unequivocally confirm Davis' prediction.

While Fuller appeared to take an early lead in the point scoring, the fighters seemed evenly matched throughout most of the four round contest. A visibly weary O'Reilly caught his second wind at beginning of the third round and certainly balanced the scoring with an aggressive attack prior to

the bell.

While Fuller regained control during the early moments of the fourth and final scheduled round, he banished any doubts of victory with a flurry of jabs that left O'Reilly reeling against the ropes; a "standing" 8 count from the referee was mercifully truncated by the final bell.

For his spirit and enthusiasm, Chris O'Reilly was awarded the "Sportsmanship" trophy, a singular honor bestowed upon the individual best representing the essence of the sport.

For Russell Felger, the prestigious title, *Chicago Golden Gloves Heavyweight Boxing Champion* is now his, along with the opportunity to compete for nation-wide recognition next month in Detroit.

Claude Davis hopes to see Felger ultimately turn professional following the Detroit competition. Meanwhile, the intense training will resume.

And Russell Felger has learned, above all else, that the word "If" does not, and can not exist-in the vocabulary of a future heavyweight boxing champion.

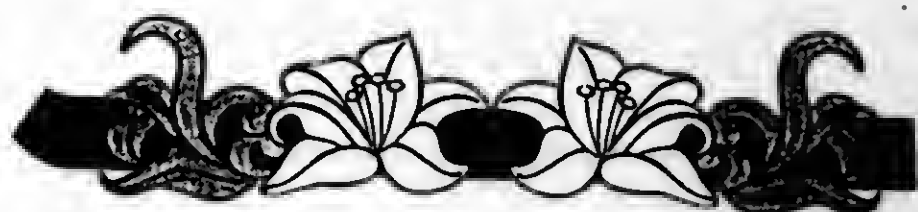
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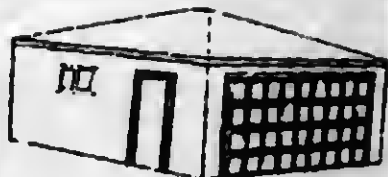
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O'Malley announces 18th district road improvements

More than \$25.5 million has been allocated for road and bridge improvements in the 18th District during Fiscal Year 2001, according to State Sen. Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park).

The 18th District Senator released the details of local projects included in Gov. George Ryan's five-year road plan for Illinois.

"A number of projects that will improve road conditions in the 18th District are funded in this road program, including a project that has been a priority of mine since I first came to Springfield. The state has provided more than \$20.5 million for the first phase of reconfiguring the intersection where 127th Street, Cicero Avenue and the Tri-State Tollway converge," O'Malley said.

Fiscal Year 2001 road projects for the 18th District include:

- * \$20,530,000 to rebuild the interchange on Illinois 50/Cicero Avenue at 127th Street and I-294/Tri-State Tollway in Alsip. Includes bridge rehabilitation, lighting, construction engineering and utility adjustment.

- * \$2,022,000 for a new bridge deck on US 45/96th Avenue over the Cal Sag Channel, 0.2 mile north of Illinois 83.

- * \$1,236,000 to resurface 2.84 miles on US 6/159th Street, from 71st Court to Illinois 50/Cicero Avenue in Orland Park, Tinley Park and Oak Forest.

- * \$664,000 to resurface 4.13 miles on Illinois 83/Calumet Sag Road, from Highwood Drive to 127th

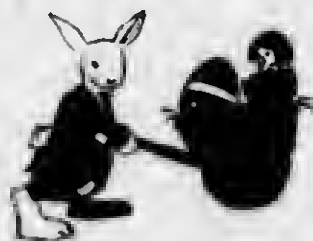
Street/Southwest Highway in Palos Park, Alsip and Palos Heights.

- * \$524,000 for preliminary engineering costs for various projects at various sites.

- * \$278,000 to resurface 0.9 mile on Illinois 7/Southwest Highway, from Illinois 43/Harlem Avenue to 111th Street in Palos Hills and Worth.

- * \$206,000 for sidewalks and a retaining wall on US 6/Forest Avenue/LaVergne Avenue at the Metra/R1 Oak Forest Station in Oak Forest.

- * \$103,000 to install signals on McCarthy Road at Wolf Road in Palos Park.



St. Laurence academic teams rank high in conference and state meets

Sue Henning (left) moderator of the varsity Scholastic Bowl Team at St. Laurence High School, and members of their team display their second place trophy they garnered at this year's conference meet, completing another strong season. Kneeling (l-r) is Jeremiah Kribbs (Oak Lawn), Vince Catalano (Burbank), Shantanu Roychowdhury (Lockport), and Andy Watson (Chicago, Mt. Greenwood). Standing (l-r) Al Dziadkowiec (Chicago, Garfield Ridge), Matthew Ruckman (Oak Lawn), Raymond Powell (Chicago, Archer Heights), and Alar Spadadoni (Oak Lawn). The junior varsity also has a successful season, placing third. Meanwhile the school's Math Team placed second in their division at this year's 18-school Archdiocese Math Competition, and the Science and Engineering Team finished in third place in state regional competition.

Viking wrestlers place in league and state meets

Thirteen student/athletes in the wrestling program at St. Laurence High School placed in their respective league meets, as well as in the IHSA playoffs.

On the sophomore level, the Vikings enjoyed strong performances from seven wrestlers. Sophomore Dan Tomasek (Chicago, Mt. Greenwood) captured the Catholic League title at 275 pounds when defeated De La Salle's Dan Golden 8-5. Freshman Bill Smith (Chicago, Beverly) and Sophomore Mark Wiatr (Chicago, West Elsdon) finished as runners-up in their respective weight classes.

Sophomore Joe Yarus (Chicago, Clear Ridge) was the lone third place finisher for St. Laurence. Meanwhile, freshmen Kevin Biskup (Chicago, Garfield Ridge), Rick Molina (Chicago, Gage Park) and Dave Roman (Chicago, Scottsdale) all placed in the consolation bracket, finishing fourth in their respective weight classes.

On the varsity level, the Vikings has a strong showing in the IHSA Regionals. Six students placed in the top tree slots, with two advancing to the sectionals and one to the

state finals.

At 145 pounds, junior Raul Velasquez (Chicago, Brighton Park) finished as regional runner-up. Four Vikings finished third, junior John Bain (Palos Hills) at 103 pounds, sophomore Mike Oganeku (Oak Lawn) at 112 pounds, junior Arturo Nesci (Chicago, Brighton Park) at 160 pounds, and sophomore P.J. Conway (Burbank) at 275 pounds. Meanwhile, senior Brian Nelson (Burbank) earned the regional and sectional championship at 152 pounds, advancing to the state finals where he placed fourth.



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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by: Kathy Whirity

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A recent Saturday night was transformed into a pleasant journey into the realization that we are all only as old as we feel. Since I've turned 40, Bill and I have enjoyed a varied share of concert experiences think if you were to ask our teen-age daughters, they would sum up our concert-going enthusiasm as a metamorphosis of our middle-age predicament. I, on the other hand, am wise enough to relish the reality that it's a mid-life awakening that enables up 'old folks' to appreciate the quality of good old fashioned rock-n-roll, and so the double date was planned. Our destination--The All State Arena for the big production, Tina Turner concert.

Our foursome included Bill's brother Terry and his wife Linda, with all of us out to enjoy an evening of musical merriment. And, oh, what an unbelievable evening it turned out to be!!!

Some people never change, which was quite evident when special guest, Lionel Richie took to the stage. Solid gold hits never lose their emotion and his masterpiece love songs reignited memories as if it were yesterday. By the end of his performance, we were warmed up and ready to party, as this classic crooner had our hearts' dancing on the ceiling'.

It seemed as if Miss Tina would never break into song, but many of us were content to pass the time by keeping our binoculars permanently focused on the front row, where Oprah Winfrey and her entourage were settling in for the show. And then, finally, after much anticipation, we were all brought to our feet by the incredible presence of this distinctive diva. With seemingly boundless energy, this super star of stamina is living proof that age is just a number. At 60 years young, her vitality is a lesson we could all learn something from.

Oprah once said that watching a Tina Turner concert makes you just want to jump right on a treadmill. Indeed being witness to her animated vim and vigor is energizing to the human spirit.

The concert ended around midnight, when another adventure was about to take place. The phrase "You're in good hands with All State," didn't apply to the All State arena's parking lot that night, as complete and utter chaos brought frustrated concert goers to a complete standstill. I wonder why the *good hands people*, can't have the same abundance of traffic control staff available to keep traffic flowing as smoothly as they make sure it flows upon entering. Linda was probably right on track in assuming that exiting these big venues would be handled much more efficiently if perhaps they collected parking fees *after* the show, instead of beforehand.

In any case, the razzle dazzle of the evening's outstanding spectacle, surely was worth any inconvenience an impending traffic pile-up could cause. But, thanks to Terry's unwavering driving skills, our delay was short lived, as he maneuvered us safely out of almost certain vehicular calamity.

The memorable experience of attending the high energy, awe inspiring extravaganza of a Tina Turner concert, can only be described by the credible phrase **SIMPLY THE BEST.**

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We're planning a National Tourism Day Festival celebrating the hundreds of festivals and events held every year in the Chicago Southland. The National Tourism Day Festival will be held under a "Big Top" and

include carnival food, games, beverages and entertainment. We'll also talk briefly about how tourism affects the Chicago Southland economy. Approximately 125 - 150 Southland business and community leaders are expected to attend.

The Bureau is offering sponsorship opportunities to our member businesses to participate in the National Tourism Day Festival. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase your business and staff, and have fun at the

same time. As a participating sponsor, your business will be recognized in our program book, on the invitations (to over 2,000 business leaders), and on the day of the event. Participating members may also promote their business at the event through banners, menus, business cards, or with any other promotional materials.

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Saint Camillus mother's club hosts party

St. Camillus mother's club will be holding a bunco and card party on Saturday, April 29, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. in their parish hall, 5434 S Lockwood. Tickets are \$3.00 per person. Tickets will be available at the door. There will be table prizes, door prizes, raffles and lots of fun. You may purchase tickets by contacting Shawnda Sweat (773) 767-0967 or Mary Beth Jender (773) 582-1498. Proceeds from this event will benefit the children of St. Camillus School. If anyone has any questions please give Shawnda or Mary Beth a call

Just drop in crafts

Two sessions of Drop in Crafts will be offered for children at the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 6301 W. Birmingham, during the month of May. Dates and times are Tuesday, May 2, and Tuesday, May 16, from 1:00 - 4:00 in the afternoon. Children ages 3-5 must be accompanied by an adult. Children age 6 and up may attend on their own. Registration is not required. Just drop in, stay for any length of time, and enjoy making springtime crafts. For more information, call the Library at 708-423-7753.

DEAR EDITOR

On behalf of the Oak Lawn Public Library, I would like to thank you for giving our National Library Week celebration, April 9-15, front page coverage in your April 4 issue. Besides helping us promote the special events for that week, you've brought the importance of libraries into the minds of your readers. It continues to be our

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Governor Ryan proclaims April as township government month

April will be celebrated all across Illinois as Township Government Month in celebration of the beginning of township government in Illinois 150 years ago. Illinois governor George Ryan has issued a proclamation declaring April as Township Government month and has praised the townships for their service as the government for "the People next door."

Ryan's proclamation hails township government's service as, "the oldest form of government in existence on the North American continent, a form of government that was brought to the New World by the Pilgrim" in 1636.

Worth Township Supervisor John "Jack" Murphy said that governor's recognition of the importance of township government is significant.

"Those of us who serve in township government are gratified that this state's chief executive has taken the time to recognize township government's contributions to our constituents" Murphy said. "Often because of the press of business in Springfield, township government's role in serving people at the local level gets lost in the mix. Governor Ryan has taken the time to emphasize township government's place in the governing structure of Illinois and we are grateful for his recognition that April

should be set aside to remember what the townships mean to Illinois."

Meanwhile, Illinois Secretary of State, Jesse White, has issued a limited edition commemorative license plate to mark township government's sesquicentennial. The license plate will be displayed through April 30th and will coincide with the township annual town meeting held statewide on April 11.

The license plates are white with blue numerals and trim and include a colorful red, blue and gold sesquicentennial logo.

A copy of Governor Ryan's proclamation declaring Township Government in Illinois is attached.



National organ and tissue donor awareness week

The problem is tragically obvious. More than 4,000 Illinois men, women and children are waiting for the "gift of life" - an organ transplant. The solution is simple: People need to know the facts about organ and tissue donation, free of misconceptions and make the decision to donate.

National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, April 16-22, is a special opportunity to focus on building public awareness about this urgent need and encourage Americans to make the commitment to become donors.

Last year, because families in Illinois and northwest Indiana graciously gave the "gift of life," 857 organ transplants and thousands of tissue transplants were performed using organs and tissues recovered by the Regional Organ Bank of Illinois (ROBI). These life-saving and life-enhancing transplants were made possible simply because people - families and friends, hospital personnel and coroners - chose to make something positive happen in light of the death of a loved one or patient.

However, despite ROBI's

record year, more than 300 Illinois residents died in 1999 while waiting for a transplant. Another person is added to the national waiting list every 16 minutes, a list that now includes more than 70,000 people. Twelve of these people will die each day waiting. Many of these deaths could be prevented if all potential donors would, in fact, become donors. Everyone, no matter how young or old, can be a lifesaver by choosing to be an organ and tissue donor.

Organs and tissues from a single donor can help more than 25 individuals. Choosing to become a donor is as simple as signing a Uniform Donor Card (such as the card on the back of the driver's license) and, most importantly, sharing your intentions with family members.

Right now is a good time to make the decision to become an organ and tissue donor. As National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week is being commemorated nationwide, take the time to talk to your family and let your wishes be known.

ROBI is a not-for-profit, federally designated organ procurement organization

serving the northern three-fourths of Illinois and northwest Indiana. ROBI is responsible for recovering and distributing organs and tissues for transplantation in accordance with strict federal guidelines. In addition, ROBI provides education about organ and tissue donation for healthcare professionals and the general public.

For more information about how you can make a difference in the lives of others by choosing to be an organ and tissue donor, call ROBI at 800/545-4438.

The personal experience of a transplant recipient or a donor family is the best way to truly illustrate the critical need for organs and the benefits of donation. If you would like to set up a personal interview, please call Donna Duncan, Community Relations Specialist, at 312/431-3600 ext. 160.



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"This is a great volunteer opportunity and a great way to actively celebrate Earth Day," says Chuck Cummings, event organizer and recreation supervisor for the Oak Lawn Park District. "Wolfe Wildlife is one of Oak Lawn's best assets."

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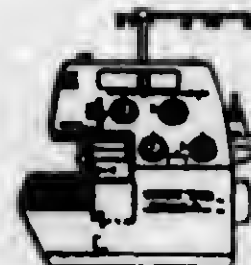
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Walking down the aisle may be a very expensive step for many couples. You may be thinking about the cost of the wedding and reception, but have you stopped to think about the tax consequences of getting married? You may be one of the 20 million married couples who pay a marriage tax penalty.

The so-called "marriage penalty," which accounts for approximately \$28.8 billion in extra taxes to the government, causes some married couples filing jointly to pay a higher tax than they would if they each files single returns.

For example, let's say Jack and Jill are married and they both work. Jack has \$75,000 in taxable income and Jill has \$50,000 in taxable income. If Jack and Jill file their taxes as a married couple, they will owe an estimated federal tax of \$30,175. But if Jack and Jill were to file their taxes as unmarried single individuals, they would owe an estimated tax of \$28,817. So, in this example, Jack and Jill are paying an estimated \$1,358 more in taxes by filing jointly as a married couple than they would if they were single filing separate returns.

From 1913 to 1969, federal tax rates did not distinguish between married and single taxpayers. The individual was the only taxable unit. But in response to concerns about the relative tax burden between single people and married couples, the tax brackets were reshuffled for these groups in 1969.

The marriage penalty became a debate in congress more than two years ago and countless bills since then have included provisions regarding the marriage penalty and several proposed solutions. The latest bill was introduced this year.

The marriage penalty is a result of different standard deductions and tax brackets for married and single taxpayers. The standard deduction for married couples is not quite double that of a single taxpayer. For 1999, the standard deduction was \$4,400 for single taxpayers and the married standard deduction was \$7,200. If the proposed new bill passes, the standard deduction would be \$4,400 for single taxpayers and \$8,800 for married couples.

The second element that helps result in a marriage penalty is the tax rate system

that establishes joint return brackets less than twice as wide as single taxpayers' brackets. This way, when filing your taxes as a married couple, your total income together may bump you up a tax bracket, causing you to owe more taxes. For example, two single people making \$30,000 a year each are in the 15% tax bracket. When they get married, their total adjusted gross income will be \$60,000. The income increase would bump them up to the 28% tax bracket.

The marriage penalty bill, if passed, would provide tax relief for taxpayers and would cost the U.S. Government approximately \$182 billion over 10 years in less tax revenue. Keep in mind, some couples do pay a lower tax by filing jointly. In fact, 25 million married couples get a marriage "bonus" - they receive a tax discount for being married and filing jointly - an amount that totals \$32.9 billion nationwide. The penalty and the bonus are determined on the individual basis and every couple could be different. Usually, couples where one spouse has no income or very little income are not punished by the penalty. Families with one-earner usually pay lower taxes than they would if they filed as singles, so they would most likely receive a bonus. The marriage penalty usually affects families with two earners and couples whose incomes are about the same. Specific questions on taxes as they relate to your individual situation should be directed to your tax advisor.

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New small business technology resource director named

Inventors, scientists, engineers and other innovators in technology seeking funding for their businesses have a new friend at Daley College. Debra Webb has been named the new director of the Small Business Technology Resource Center, a statewide resource unit based at the college. Dr. Shirley Knazze, Dean of Workforce Preparation and Economic Development, expressed her enthusiasm for the appointment, noting Webb's excellent preparation through work with small business at the Chicago Chamber of Commerce and her marketing experience with 3M, Inc. "Debra's marketing experience will be especially valuable coaching clients through the commercializing phase," said Knazze. "She will be able to give direction to their marketing efforts and debrief them after forays into the marketplace."

The Small Business Center is a joint initiative of Richard J. Daley College (one

able technology, serving as a resource to area innovators. The Center has been providing consulting and direct assistance to Illinois businesses since 1994. Since then, businesses working with the center have received more than \$23 million in contracts, loans, and other forms of financial assistance from federal agencies and offices, including the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, the Department of Transportation, the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Army. The Center provides step-by-step assistance to help innovators secure as much as \$850,000 in funding for marketable technology. Daley College is the only college in the City Colleges of Chicago, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, and the U.S. Small Business Administration. The Center helps get funding to develop market-

the state with a full-time position with the objective of supporting innovation in marketable technology.

Among the many clients of the Center has been the ThermoGen company. David Demirjian, President of the ThermoGen company, last fall received the Tibbits award, the highest honor conferred by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Dean Knazze noted that "any one who believes the Small Business Technology Resource Center might help, owes it to themselves to contact Ms. Webb." The Center is located at Daley College, 7500 S. Pulaski Rd., Bldg. 200, Chicago, Illinois. Debra Webb can be reached by phone at 773-838-0300 or by e-mail at dwebb@ccc.edu.

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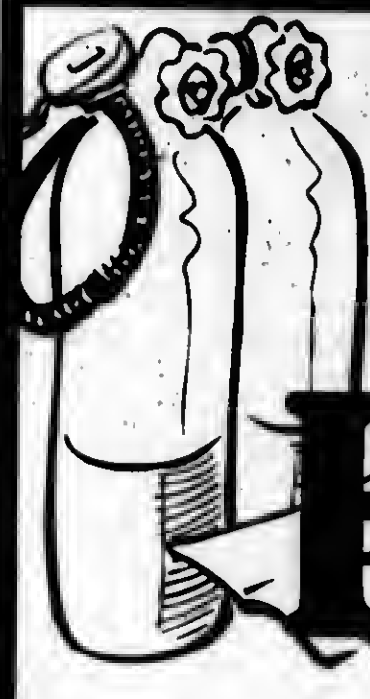


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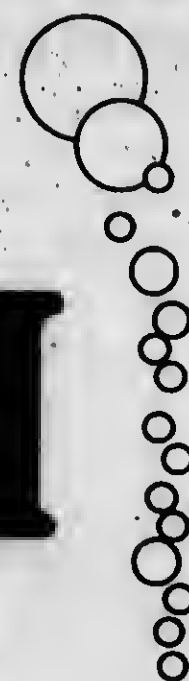
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Anti-crime rally reaches the Ridge

St. Rita High School offers camps

by Rick Techman

St. Rita of Cascia High School, 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago will offer several Athletic Instructional Camps, as well as a full Recreation Camp for grammar school students and athletes during the summer months of June and July. Athletic camps will be offered in football, basketball, volleyball and baseball. Each session on the recreation camp includes a field trip, as well as a wide variety of recreational and athletic activities. The goals of each camp are to teach teamwork and goal setting, and to provide every youngster with a memorable and fun experience. To register or for more information, call John Bonk at 773-925-6600.

An anti-crime rally attracted some popular speakers including Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and Alderman Michael Zalewski (23) as well as about 100 taxpayers and homeowners in an effort to prevent gangs and criminals from gaining control of the southwest side.

Chicago Police Chief Terry Hillard agreed with other speakers that the Garfield-Ridge and Clearing communities did not have a severe crime problem at this time.

But, speaking from a temporary city pulpit set up behind St. Jane's Ward Hall at 52nd and McVicker, Hillard, Daley and Zalewski encouraged everyone to keep up the perpetual fight against allowing a loved one or neighbor from getting involved in gangs, drugs and crime.

Daley eagerly endorsed the new safe Neighborhoods Act that Governor George Ryan signed into law on Thursday, April 13th. Daley said that common sense came forward in the gun provision of the act regarding the felony charge for illegal handling of a weapon.

"It would have been the easiest way," Daley said, "to just forget the gun provision and let them pass the rest of the bill. But Governor Ryan is not a quitter." He added, "Neither am I, nor are the member of the General Assembly who felt that a felony charge is essential."

"And, most of all," Daley continued, "neither are the CAPS volunteers and the people of Chicago. All of us fought together to keep the felony charge as part of the package," Daley also said.

The new law retains the gun felony provision in most circumstances. It also restores tough penalties for a number of crimes, including gunrunning, intimidating witnesses and jurors and committing felonies as part of a criminal street gang.

The rally and March, initiated at St. Jane's Ward Hall, was one of a continuing series of rallies and marches against crime, sponsored by the Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy, held regularly in every city neighborhood and in all of the city's 25 police districts.

The St. Jane parking lot location held a strategic importance to step off the rally for its being just across the street from where two senior citizens died in a gas explosion last February. Following the explosion, off duty police and firemen as well as concerned residents from the immediate area ran to the damages homes to rescue any injured residents and friends.

Again, it was a joint effort of neighbors and police and fire official who came to the aid of the people in the area.

Holy Name volunteers prepare breakfast

by Rick Techman

About 300 parishioners and guests attended the Ham-A-Rama egg and ham breakfast presented by the St. Jane DeChantel Holy Name Society on Sunday, April 9 at Ward Hall at 52nd and McVicker.

A breakfast of ham and eggs, coffee, orange juice, potatoes and danish prepared by HNS members in the Ward Hall kitchen delighted everyone who attended the feast. Breakfast began following the first mass Sunday morning and continued until almost noon.

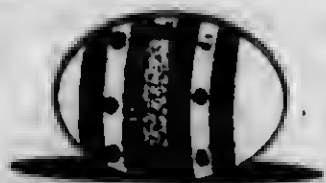
This year's Ham-A-Rama was the sixth breakfast in what has become an annual fund-raising event. The other annual fund-raiser is the HNS spaghetti dinner. It is usually held in mid-November, shortly before Thanksgiving.

Aside from more than a dozen HNS volunteers participated in food service as well. Boy scouts manned the coffee and danish table, always stepping into the crowd seated at the tables to pour coffee, just like at a restaurant.

An HNS officer explained donations from these two annual fund-raisers go to the St. Vincent DePaul Society, the Hungry and Homeless, and the church.

He also said this money is used to sponsor the bus tour held every Holy Thursday night to bring parishioners to visit churches in the Chicago Archdiocese. The fund-raiser also allow the HNS to sponsor the boy scout and cub scout troops at St. Jane.

A pianist provided good music to eat by while several volunteers manned tables along the wall where they could distribute various educational and informational materials.



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The artistic excellence of their first production in January of 1989, Menotti's opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" was recognized by an Illinois Arts Council assistance grant and merited a repeat production (and grant) in January of 1991 with a total viewing audience of almost 5000 students (with an in-school docent program) and 1600 adults.

During the ensuing years, the Foundation has initiated and helped to sponsor over a

dozen artistic ventured. In October of 1989 they presented the Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus in "Papageno," a one-hour adaptation of Mozart's "The Magic Flute." They sponsored a concert by the Choral ensemble of Chicago at the Beverly Art Center, and a 1993 Palm Sunday choral presentation of Schubert's "Mass in E Flat" at St. Cajetan Catholic Church by Governors State University's 52 voice Chorale and 43 piece Orchestra.

Several productions by Leonardo Defilippis, the former Shakespearean actor who has gained international renown with his one man staged presentations of the Gospels and Lives of the Saints were supported by the Foundation. His dramatic presentation of the Passion according to St. Luke at St. Barnabas Catholic Church

was enhanced by a musical program of organ, handbells, and a community choir singing excerpts from Handel's "Messiah."

The first six chapters of the Gospels of Luke were performed at Morgan Park Baptist Church and Luther High School with a choral interlude by the church's Chancel Choir. Other presentations included the life of the Spanish mystic, John of the Cross, St. Francis Assisi, and Maximilian Kolbe, the Polish priest who gave up his life for another in Auschwitz.

The Foundation helped to underwrite a local professional musical group, the Ensemble d' Accord in their collaboration with Momenta Dance of Oak Park in a staged presentation of Stravinsky's "L'Histoire du Soldat" at the Beverly Art Center. Its most recent pro-

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gram was a presentation last spring of the Oriana Singers in a performance at the Morgan Park Presbyterian Church.

Money to support these programs came from local private and business sources and three outdoor summer picnic/concert programs, (1990-91-92) called "a la Ravinia." Fashioned after the Ravinia Festival in Highland Park, audiences enjoyed box lunches, wine and deserts on the lawn of a private Beverly home while listening to the Governors State String Quartet and opera arias from Lyric Opera professionals.

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Students from Middle School entered mayor of the year contest

by Carlene E. O'Connor

Eighth grade students took over the Palos Heights meeting, on Tuesday, April 4th. The children were from local schools who participated in the Palos Heights Women's club "Mayor for a Day" essay contest.

The students and their counterparts were Jason Knade, Palos South Middle School, (Mayor Dean Koldenhoven), Alexa Vaicaitis, Palos South, (City Clerk Marsha Fisher), Aqsa Durrani, Palos South, (City Attorney Thomas Brown), Jana Egan Incarnation School, (City Treasurer, Frank Oswald), Catherine Doyle, Palos South, (Alderman Julie Corsi, 1st Ward), Jessica Everson, Independence Junior High School, (Alderman Jim Murphy 1st Ward), Emily Kerkel, Independence, (Alderman Dolores Kramarski 3rd Ward), Stephanie Johnson, Independence, (Alderman Alan Fulkerson 3rd Ward), Andrew Keene, Independence, (Alderman Arthur Phillips 4th Ward), and Melissa Doherty Independence, (Alderman James Healy 4th Ward).

Alderman Bob Donnick's counterpart Josh DeGroot did not attend the council meeting. There was a dinner at Dunlaps prior to the meeting where students shared ideas with the officials on ways to improve Palos Heights. Their ideas included building new roads, adding, sidewalks and attracting business.

Alderman Fulkerson stated that the next city council meeting on April 18th will be broadcast live on cable channel 6. This will be the first meeting the public will be able to view this way.

A resolution was passed unanimously supporting community High School District 230 to develop part of a 20 acre area south of Stagg High School along the Calumet Sag Channel as athletic fields. The property is located in Palos Hills and was designated by their city council in 1983 as a "nature sanctuary."

Mayor Bennett of Palos Hills has scheduled a public hearing on the proposal before its planning and zoning committee on Wednesday April 26th, at 7 pm at Conrady Junior High School in Hickory Hills.

On January 15th, 2000 JoAnn Schall retired as office manager. The council split over the creation of a new position of "director of accounting, and office management." Alderman Kramarski, Fulkerson, and Donnick voted for it and Alderman Corsi, Passarelli, and Healy voted against. Mayor Koldenhoven broke the tie by voting in favor of the new position.

The motion was deferred to the April 18th meeting after Murphy moved to do so and Corsi seconded. The council approved unanimously to promote Sue Beamer to the position of "acting general government supervisor". She will receive \$400 a month compensation retroactive to February 1 until someone is hired to oversee the office.

Finally under the Public Safety report the council unanimously, approved the Police Department's membership in the Illinois Internet Child Exploitation Task Force. This will give more information to investigate crimes of child pornography and aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Mayor Bilder addresses the state of the village

by Jude Coyle

On April 4, 2000, Mayor James Bilder addressed the village board and those interested about the state of the village of Worth. Mayor Bilder chooses April each year to make this address as the village's fiscal year which runs between May 1st and April 30th.

After months of negotiation, the village has finally settled with the police, fire and public works unions. The Firefighters contract will last five years, while the other two will last four. These are the longest union contracts the village has ever signed. Mayor Bilder is hoping to hire two police officers and two Firefighters/paramedics soon.

In the past year, the village has used grant money to imprint bricks onto the sidewalks on Depot Street, and erect replicas of antique street lamps. Brick imprints have been placed on 111th, and the plan is to expand that. Operation Clean Sweep and Operation Compliance have helped to clean up the business area and force landlords to maintain their apart-

ment buildings.

Walgreens is building at 111th and Ridgeland. The Post Office is expanding and adding a postal store. The village was also awarded \$450,000 by the state to rehab the fire station. They are looking into finding more grant money so that they can expand the police station. The current police station has two cells which is less than state and federal mandates.

Water's Edge Golf Course opened last May 1st. 40,000 rounds of golf were played in 1999, and over the season, the course grossed \$1,000,000 more than expected.

Services have improved. The village computers are Y2K compliant, employees have enjoyed more computer training, and many of the systems have been replaced or improved. A new resident brochure is available. Village board meeting minutes will be recorded onto microfilm to ensure their preservation. The building department is offering free inspections of natural gas couplings. The intent is to eliminate the possibility of an explosion like what had happened in Garfield Ridge this

year. Four Hundred people attended the first Chicago Ridge/Worth Business Expo at the Worth Junior High School. Approximately 100 Chamber members participated. The Illinois National Guard brought in a blackhawk helicopter and a Humvee.

Plans for the future includes securing more grant money to purchase new equipment and vehicles for Public Works and the Fire Department. New flower planters and other efforts to beautify 111th Street are planned. The boat ramp and the athletic fields along the Cal-Sag should be finished this year. The Police Department is hoping to purchase an electronic speed detector. Without relying on tax increases, Mayor Bilder hopes not to pass on the 25% increase Chicago is proposing for water.

Also of importance covered at the April 4th meeting: while the 115th street bypass is under construction, 115th street will be closed to boat traffic while construction is going on Monday through Friday. The ramp will be opened on Saturday and Sunday.

Flea market opens at VFW Post 2255

Beginning on April 29th, we will have table rentals for \$10 each on a monthly basis or one month at a time.

There will be inside and outside tables weather permitting. First to pay for the tables will have select spots.

The times for setting up will be 7:00 am and door will open at 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be no door fee for buyers.

To get more information, please call the post at 708-636-3220 and ask for Pat or Ralph between 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 2255, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, Illinois, will be holding monthly flea markets on the last Saturday of each month.

See historic Geneva, IL.

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering a trip to Geneva, IL. on Wednesday, May 17. Enjoy a day of shopping in the many antique shops, small boutiques, specialty shops etc... Transportation will depart from the Palos Hills Golf Course, 7301 W. 105th at 9:00am and return approximately 5:00pm. The cost is \$15.00 (transportation only) lunch is on your own.

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CSX, CVS and Voice Stream to build in Evergreen Park

by: Jude Coyle

Joseph Healy addressed the Evergreen Park Village Board on April 17 concerning the CSX Railroad and the condition of Rockwell Avenue. According to Mr. Healy, the CSX has installed switches between 87th and 88th Street. Formerly, he worked for another railroad. As an employee, he was cautioned repeatedly about staying out of the way of switches, that serious injuries could result once one is tripped. He expressed concern about children playing on the tracks, or caddies walking along the tracks on their way to the country club. He had spoken to officials at the CSX and was guaranteed that train traffic along that line will increase. He asked the Board if they would consider building a six foot chain link fence along the tracks and hopefully keep kids away.

Sean McLaughlin asked for a status update on the Rockwell Street repaving. Under the weight of equipment the CSX is using for the

installation of switches, the current roadway is designigrating. According to the Village Engineer, Mr. Robert Boehm, the Village will go out to bid in July for repaving only. He expects to award the bid in August and see the work completed in September and October. Mr. McLaughlin also asked about stop signs. Mayor Vaccuo assured him that the Village would look into that and the possibility of building cul-d-sacs.

Ordinance # 11-2000 vacates the east-west public alley between Sawyer Avenue and Kedzie, South of 95th. CVS Drugs is planning to demolish stores and build a larger building. In return for the alley, CVS Drugs will pay the amount equal to paving the alley east of Sawyer, from 95th to 96th Streets.

Ordinance #12-2000 vacates the north-south public alley lying north of 98th Place and east of Clifton Park Avenue. The company will pay the Village \$1500 for the

price of legal, engineering and filing fees, and another \$1500 for the easement.

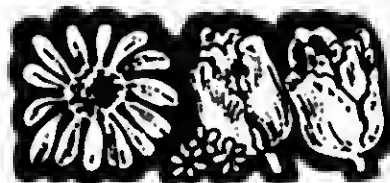
Ordinance # 13-2000 approves a lease with options with Cook Inlet Voice Stream, PCS. Voice Stream will pay the Village \$750 per month. They plan to add an extension to the existing Cell One tower in Norris Field, and an insignificant addition to their building.

Ordinance #14-2000 amended the building maintenance codes with current changes to the BOCA codes.

Business licenses were approved for the following:

- * Arrowhead Dry Blast Equipment & Supplies (Sales only) 9148 S. Kedzie
- * Beetle Craft Sport Tuning (auto parts) 9535 S. Kedzie

- * Gregory Kosnefski (industrial contractor - office only) 3759 W. 95th Street



Sweeney's building sold tenants given 6 month reprieve

By: F.J. Soezek

With the threat of cancellation by irate Trustees looming ominously on the horizon, Oak Lawn Village Manager Joe Faber announced he had received a revised contract for the controversial "Sweeney Building," 9515-17 S. Cook Ave. only moments before the scheduled Village Board meeting.

Protracted negotiations

by the Village of Oak Lawn to purchase the property had reached a stalemate due to "financial and environmental issues." Faber had noted at the April 11th Board meeting. Several trustees expressed intentions to withdraw the Village's offer should a contract not be agreed upon by the Tuesday night meeting.

The controversial plan to demolish the 2 storey structure to create additional parking facilities had

evoked the ire of the soon to be displaced tenants, as well as many citizens of the community.

The Village Board unanimously approved the purchase last year, but it was not until recently when the current tenants received notices to vacate the premises by the end of April that the perceived finality of the move became apparent.

The Village had publicly announced the displaced businesses would be

Oak Lawn Park District votes on family-oriented place for children

On Monday, May 8th, the Oak Lawn Park District Commission will vote on a proposal submitted by local resident Carol Marsh. Carol, who lives in Oak Lawn with husband Ed, and four year old son, Clayton, has recognized a need in the south suburbs for a family-oriented place wherein children can play and learn through interactive, "hands-on" exhibits and daily program offerings. Marsh, who is suggesting that the new museum be designated as a non-for-profit institution open to the public, has formally asked the Oak Lawn Park District Commission for the use of the Nature Center (9610 East Lake Shore) as the interim, first site of the proposed Museum for a period of three years. The current Nature Center programs would be accommodated to fit the new scheduling needs of a children's museum. According to Marsh, the Park District's support of the project is vital. Without the support of the community, the Park District and the Village Board, the Children's Museum will face a steep upward climb to eventual success. Marsh's detailed plan overall addresses the need for private funding, corporate sponsorship and grant opportunities, --which is the main reason for starting in a small location and growing large over time. If all goes well, and the Founding and Advisory Boards are convened, an anticipated opening date could be Fall, 2001.

"assisted" if they chose to relocate within the Village.

The promise to assist the tenants, Southwest Music Center, Color Key Printing and the Cookie Jar became complicated since the Village could not offer rent assistance or extended leases on property it did not legally own.

The Board unanimously approved the revised contract which, according to Faber, was altered only in language relating to "environmental liability" of the existing owner of record.

Village attorney Michael Jurusik explained a \$75,000 environmental remediation "cap" was requested by the building owner, who is concerned any possible ground contamination pre-dated his ownership. Jurusik assured the Board members the Village retained the right to cancel the agreement should preliminary environmental evaluations prove to be "objectionable."

Each of the tenants was offered an agreement allowing six months rent reimbursement on the condition they relocate within the corporate boundaries of the Village.

Gus Brown, owner of the Cookie Jar, stated he would not be relocating in the area due to high rental costs. Pat Bartell of Southwest Music hopes to move her business within the Village in the near future.

The \$580,000 purchase price does not include demolition and possible environmental remediation costs, which would be incurred by the Village.

Responding to an inquiry by resident Andy Skoun-drianos regarding the actual number of parking spaces which would be created by the purchase, Mayor Kolb remarked "I don't know yet...We'll see..."

Mr. Frank Sharma and a group of Eagle Ridge residents once again appeared before the board to protest what they noted were unfinished obligations on the part of the developer, Hartz construction.

Sharma implored the Board to "See that justice is done; fairness is done." The distraught homeowner noted Hartz, should not be allowed to begin the final phase of their project before previous work is completed. At the previous Board meeting, Sharma was

given assurance by the Village Trustees that permits would not be issued until a "punch list" of unfinished items was completed. Sharma also requested clarification regarding Village vehicle sticker ticketing policies for new residents of the subdivision.

Chief Houk explained vehicles with a current sticker from another municipality would be in compliance with Village ordinances until their expiration date. After which, an Oak Lawn sticker would be required.

Trustee Ron Stancik suggested the Board develop a means to honor distinguished individuals for their contributions to the Village.

Stancik noted he received a request from Mary Lou Harker to re-name a firehouse in honor of her late husband, long-time Fire Chief Elmore Harker.

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Local talent takes to the stage at Moraine Valley

The Voices of the Valley is teaming up with the Queen of Peace Chamber Singers for a "Tribute to Spring" concert on Sunday, May 7, at 3 p.m. in Moraine Valley's Dorothy Menker Theater on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

The concert will showcase the vocal talent of community members and high school students.

Voices director Alice Maguire and Singers director Rose Cunningham are combining secular and sacred selections for this engaging annual spring concert. *How Can I Keep From Singing*, *Without A Song*, and *Anthem for Spring*, are among the

selections. Ticket prices are \$7.50 for adults and \$5.50 for seniors and students. A \$1 fee is added for phone orders. For ticket information, phone Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center box office at (708) 974-5500. For more information, phone Barbara Dargis, College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742.

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Easter is a spirit of remembrance

by Annette Dixon

For Christian believers, Easter is a holy day in which more people attend religious and spiritual services than all other holy days. We just don't have the materialistic holiday spirit that goes with the holy day of Christmas. What we do have though is the Easter Bunny which portrays to be a very giving being.

On the Saturday before Easter many communities had an Easter egg hunt, along with churches, etc. The community of Oak Lawn had a wonderful Easter egg hunt on the Village Green.

selections.

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The macadam road was named after John L. MacAdam, the Scottish engineer who invented this method of paving highways.

Again, as in many occasions, the village elected officials and their committees, volunteered for a most wonderful day. It was not only sunny, but warm, which drew an enormous crowd.

I would estimate at least 600 people just at 11:30 a.m., although not all of them children.

At the post designated for 2 to 4 years, there had to be at least 100 children.

When the siren on the fire engines sounded off, there were children swooping up all the eggs. There were children on all three sides scattering about picking up plas-

tic filled eggs with surprises in them. Some children stood frozen, so parents had to help them onto the field.

My grandson was one of them. Benjamin just turned three in February and he is from Champaign, IL. He just isn't aggressive so he stood there and watched everyone run. (See picture above, this explains the happening.)

Since he was unable to get an egg, he didn't pout, but you could see the disappointment on his face. While walking toward the car, a gentleman tapped my son on the back and said, "did your son receive any eggs? Lance replied, no. The

gentleman turned to his children and said, each one of you, give the little boy one of your eggs."

Thanks to that man, his kind gesture made the Dixon family all say in harmony, that man has the spirit of Easter. One week later, Benjamin is still talking about the man that gave him the eggs.

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NIASHF Chicagoland South Chapter holds annual recognition dinner

by Annette Dixon

The National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame Chicagoland South Chapter from Burbank had their annual dinner at Rosewood West Restaurant to present 15 students a \$2000 scholarship for their college freshman year of school.

According to 2nd Vice President, Joseph Riccardo, "this organization has raised money for scholarships, worked with Sertoma, the Garden School, Misericordia, and mainly high schools in the area"

In September, 1981, at Annie Tiques Restaurant, the Chicagoland South Chapter of the National Italian American Sports Hall of fame was formed, since then over \$350,000 was raised for scholarships and this was done with a cadre of only 70 members.

This year's officers are Len DeGrado, Roger Castaldo, Joseph Riccardo, Vincent L. DiFiorio, Skip Lombardo, George Gouzeas, Robert Strezo, Joseph Bertucci, Frank Buscemi, Pat Mendicino.

In the past, man of the year was a very prestigious and honored award, as it is this year. Therefore this year's winner was none other than Chicago's popular man, comedian, singer, businessman, Pat Capuzzi.

Pat Grieco, along with the committee awarded the following recipients their check for \$2,000.

The winners of the scholarships are: Adan Perez, GPA 3.72, received the Mario Sanchez Memorial Sportsman Award, Kevin James Baciagalupo, GPA 5.34, Joseph Gerard Banasiak, GPA 4.2 from Oak Lawn High School,

Estara Barbarasa, GPA 6.24 Richard's High School, Thomas John Bianciotto, GPA 3.87 Brother Rice High School, Jodie Ann Daley, GPA 4.05 Oak Lawn High School, Bridgette Michelle Fanucce, GPA 3.54 Maria High School, Tanya L. Le, GPA 5.16 Richards High School, Krystan Marie Lindberg, GPA 4.7 Richards High School, Jeannine Denise Rossow, GPA 4.2 Reavis High School, Maureen Elizabeth Sullivan, GPA 2.64 Provident Catholic High School, Terrance Raymond Tucker, GPA 4.55 St. Rita High School, Joseph Marco Yario, GPA 3.50 Stagg High School, Angeline Michelina Zavodny, GPA 3.56 Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, Adam Joseph Zwirkoski, GPA 4.28 Oak Lawn Community High School,

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For those born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: It is time to take stock of where you are at, health wise, financially, romantically as well as intellectually. And, there is something you can do to make yourself more needed in your work area. C and T involved and, someone born in Aquarius too.

For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: If you want really inspired help, look within! Meditate on the colour Gold this week, then write down your very first thoughts. Leave out no details in seeking answers when you meditate or you will be wasting your time. Aries and C help.

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: This is not a week to go back [even for a moment] to those old, bad habits. You will regress more than you may be capable of handling without professional help. A money-matter to deal with. B has ideas that can help you and someone born in Leo too.

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: It might help you to read the 1-10-19-28 message and add this: when the answers to problems come, some of them may seem too difficult to do. But you can. You see, your Mind knows what to do and when to do it. Capricorn and someone B helps.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: The time for action is when the need arises, or the trouble begins. Never wait till the matters gets so hard that you cannot undo or make corrections necessary to your well-being, physically or emotionally. Another Gemini or Virgo involved and M too.

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: It is such a wonderful feeling to know how much you really are appreciated and needed. You have earned this in the recent years. There is no time like the present however, to find things that are fun to do and do them. J, G and W involved.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: If you want to, do it. If you do not want to, then don't do it. These words of wisdom may just help you to come full circle in your romantic life and in dealing with the boss and co-workers. S helps if you ask.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: A great week to get things done, especially those things that have been put on hold for such a long time. You are "up" to it, so, don't procrastinate, take aim and go for it! You will feel better, younger, and more "together." Do it to it. S and A aid, ask.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: You cannot simply demand that someone do things for you, love you or understand what you are all about. Speak up and let others know "exactly" what you are all about. You count too, do not walk in the shadows, let your light be seen. M aids.

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St. Louis science center is a must to include in summer travel plans

As the weather warms and the days grow longer, everyone has one thing on their mind - summer! A trip to the St. Louis Science Center is one site that can't be missed, whether you are a St. Louis local or traveling from afar. With OMNIMAX movies, "Dig Dinosaurs" special exhibition and more than 600 hands-on activities, there is sure to be something for every member of the family.

The Science Center features two films in its OMNIMAX Theater this summer. Opening May 5, main film "Thrill Ride: the Science of Fun" takes visitors on the best rollercoasters and ride simulators of all time! Climb in and hold on tight as this film shows the science behind creating thrill rides, and why we are excited by the danger of it all. Also showing is "Island of the Sharks." This film takes you on an adventure to Cocos Island, off the coast of Costa Rica, and a teeming undersea wilderness where hammerhead, silky and white tip reef sharks rule.

Open through Labor Day is the world-premiere "Dig Dinosaurs," a traveling exhibition that transforms visitors into modern paleontologists hunting dinosaurs. "Dig Dinosaurs" offers authentic

dig settings, and your chance to excavate fossils in the field and then clean and assemble them in the lab. Plus, see life-size dinosaur skeletons including a huge Tyrannosaurus rex. It's an experience for all ages!

Science Center guests can visit the new Cyberville Gallery, where state-of-the-art technology and one-of-a-kind exhibits make complex technology user-friendly and easy to understand for all ages. Create a virtual fish using a computer and see if it survives in a fish tank, build a web page and play a harp with laser beams instead of strings. Families with children 8 and under will want to spend time in the Discovery Room. Crawl into a cave or tipi, get your hands on medical equipment, build a racetrack and much more.

There are hundreds of other hands-on activities in the Science Center's galleries. Visitors can build a seven-foot replica of the Gateway Arch, get face to face with a life-size robotic Tyrannosaurus rex, climb inside a giant kaleidoscope and much more.

The fun continues after dark during the summer. Don't miss "Cool Science Tuesdays," June 6-August 29, when the Science Center

stays open every Tuesday until 9 p.m. It's a great time to catch OMNIMAX films, visit "Dig Dinosaurs" and spend time in the Discovery Room. Plus, there are special programs and activities every Tuesday evening. If a mid-week visit doesn't fit your schedule, the Science Center also is open until 9 p.m. on Fridays year-round.

Don't forget to stop by the Shop for Science for cool gifts and souvenirs, including special dinosaur products in conjunction with "Dig Dinosaurs." And when you need to refuel, the Galaxy Cafe or Saucers coffee shop will do the trick!

Science Center summer hours (June 5-September 3) are: Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Prior to June 5, hours are Sunday-Thursday, Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Admission to the galleries is free; there is a nominal fee for the OMNIMAX, "Dig Dinosaurs" and Discovery Room. Groups of 10 or more receive ticket discounts with reservations at least 10 days in advance. For more information, call toll-free 800/456-SLSC or visit the Science Center website at www.slsc.org.



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O'Malley thanked for funding for southwest central dispatch

The Southwest Central Dispatch has recognized State Sen. Patrick O'Malley's efforts to help upgrade the regional communications systems it uses to provide emergency dispatch services to nine fire departments and nine police departments in DuPage, Cook and Will counties.

Members of the Dispatch thanked O'Malley April 19 at their meeting for securing \$650,000 in state funds for the project.

The 18th District Senator says he championed the project, which was targeted for funding by the Senate Republican Caucus, because of the important service the Southwest Central Dispatch provides to 155,000 people in an 185-square-mile southwest suburban region. The \$650,000 will be used for costs associated with the Police Officer Identification System/Vehicle Location System and a police console replacement program.

"The Southwest Central Dispatch is working to provide uninterrupted emergency radio communication that will support individual radio identification and officer location safety systems," said O'Malley (R-Palos Park). "I requested this project be included in the state's Fiscal Year 1999 budget to help update and modify the Southwest Central Dispatch's radio consoles, radio systems and component systems. This capital improvement funding will provide the needed improvements and keep operational costs to a minimum."

At the April 19 meeting, members of the Dispatch voted to send formal letters of thanks to all members of the Senate Republican Caucus who represent the communities served by the Southwest Central Dispatch regional communications systems. In addition to O'Malley, who represents more than half of the communities served, letters will be sent to Senators Christine Radogno (R-LaGrange), William Mahar (R-Orland Park) and Kirk Dillard (R-Hinsdale).

Located in Palos Heights, the Southwest Central Dispatch is a intergovernmental cooperative association

consisting of the Chicago Ridge Police and Fire departments, Clarendon Hills Police and Fire departments, Dixmoor Police and Fire departments, Frankfort Fire Protection District, Lemont Police Department Manhattan Fire Protection District, New Lenox Fire Protection District, Palos Fire Protection District, Palos Heights Police Department, Palos Heights Fire Protection District, Palos Hills Police Department,

Palos Park Police Department, Willowbrook Police, Worth Police and Fire departments.

Palos Hills Mayor Gerald Bennett, who serves as the Chairman of the Dispatch's Board, thanked O'Malley for his efforts in securing the grant.

"This money will go a long way in improving the Dispatch's ability to further protect the law enforcement officers in the 15 communi-

ties that comprise the Dispatch Center," Bennett said. "Because of the multi-jurisdictional aspect of Southwest Central Dispatch, this grant obviously affects many communities."

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St. Albert the Great School still has openings for pre-school, kindergarten, and all

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Casting set for Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart's "Babes in Arms"

Jan Kallish, Executive Director of the Auditorium Theatre Council has announced final casting for Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart's "Babes in Arms," the final production in the Auditorium Theatre Council's *Ovation!* Concert Celebrations of Great American Musicals series. "Babes in Arms," will be performed Thursday, May 18 - Sunday, May 21 at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 East Congress Parkway.

The Cast will feature George Wendt, best known for his role as Norm in the long-running hit television series "Cheers" as Sheriff Reynolds. Also joining the cast will be Broadway stars Stephen R. Buntrock (star of Cameron MacIntosh's "Martin Guerre" and the recipient of two Joseph Jefferson Award nominations) as Val LaMar; Alice Ripley (Tony/Drama Desk Award nominee for her leading role in "Side Show," "James Joyce's The Dead" and "Sunset Boulevard") as Billie Smith; and Melissa Rain Anderson as Baby Rose (a role she also played in the 1999 *Encores!* concert version of "Babes in Arms"). Chicago radio and television legend Roy Leonard will once again

serve as narrator for the production.

George Wendt is a Chicago native who began his career with Chicago's famed improvisational company, Second City. He was honored with six Emmy nominations for his performance as Norm on "Cheers." His film credits include "Forever Young," "Guilty By Suspicion," "Fletch," "Gung Ho," "Rupert's Land" and "Outside Providence." Most recently, he was featured on Broadway in Yasmina Reza's "Art."

Other principal cast members are Rachel Rockwell as Delores Reynolds; Jeff Dumas as Gus Fielding; Aaron Thielen as Marshall Blackstone; Mark Townsend as Irving deQuincy; Darius N. Fearrington as Ivor deQuincy; David Mendes as Peter; Jared Leal as Lee Calhoun; Omar D. Brancato as Beauregard Calhoun; Mark G. Hawbecker as Rene Flambeau; and Jeff Parker as Phil McCabe.

The ensemble will feature Ryan Bailer, Angel Barrette, Janna Cardia, Julie Cardia, Leo Daignault, Sara Davis, Andrew Driscoll, Patrick Gagnon, Jamie Dawn Gangi, Blake Hackler, Jenna Ford

Jackson, Harriet Nzina Plumm, Rachel Styne, Sophia Thomas and Jill Walmsley.

Featuring a virtual treasure-trove of classic Rodgers and Hart songs, including "I Wish I Were in Love Again," "Johnny One Note," "The Lady Is a Tramp," "My Funny Valentine," and "Where of When," the "Babes in Arms" score arguably features more hit songs than any other Broadway musical. Originally produced in 1937, "Babes in Arms" is the quintessential "let's-put-on-a-show-in-the-barn" musical. Teenage children of vaudeville parents, left at home while their parents are on the road, solve their emotional and financial problems by staging a revue to avoid being sent to a work farm. Yet the plot is in some ways simply a device to showcase the incredible variety of Rodgers and Hart's songwriting talents, occasionally witty and sophisticated, then tender and romantic. Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney starred in the 1939 MGM movie version of this musical.

"Babes in Arms" will be directed by *Ovation!* Artistic Director Mark Robin, and *Ovation!* Musical Director

Kevin Stites will serve as Music Director and Conductor for the production.

Ovation!, modeled after the *Encores!* series which is produced at New York's City Center, features concert versions of seldom-performed musicals using the orchestrations from each show's original Broadway run.

A group of committed professionals and supporters from the local and national theater communities serve on the *Ovation!* Advisory Committee. The committee includes longtime Chicago theater advocates Hope Abelson and Paul Lehman, Judith E. Daykin (New York's City Center), Helen Doria (Chicago Park District), Sonia Florian (WNIB Radio), B.J. Jones (Northlight Theatre), Sheldon Patinkin (Columbia College Theatre Department), Jim Palermo (Grant Park Music Festival), Michael Price (Goodspeed Opera House, CT), Steven Schnepf (Alan Wasser Associates, NY), Duane Schuler (Lyric Opera of Chicago), Joyce Sloane (The Second City), Kary M. Walker (Marriott's Lincolnshire Theatre) and Ed Ward (Chicago Federation of Musicians).

Ovation! is being sponsored in part by United Airlines, WNIB-FM Radio, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois, The Illinois Arts

Council, Gingiss Formalwear, The Palmer House Hilton, and Robin Elliott Limited.

"Babes in Arms" can be seen at four performances -- Thursday, May 18 at 8:00 p.m.; Friday, May 19 at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 20 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m. All *Ovation!* performances will be at the Auditorium Theatre, 50 East Congress Parkway.

Single tickets for "Babes in Arms" can be purchased at the Auditorium Theatre box office; through Ticketmaster at (312) 902-1500; at all Ticketmaster outlets or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets range in price from \$17.00 - \$77.00.

The Auditorium Theatre Council is an independent, not-for-profit organization founded in 1960. Since its inception, the Council has been committed to presenting the finest cultural and community programming in Chicago. Privileged to be the trustee of the Auditorium Theatre, the Council is also committed to the continued restoration and preservation of this historic landmark. For more information about programming, volunteering opportunities, or becoming a supporter, visit www.auditoriumtheatre.org or call (312) 922-2110.

Arthritis seminar to be held at Rest Haven Central

Rest Haven Central Nursing and Rehabilitation Center will hold a seminar Understand Arthritis. The seminar will take place on Wed, May 31st, at 1:00.

Vinod K. Soni M.D. (Palos Heights) will be the featured speaker. Dr. Soni is Board certified in Internal Medicine and Rheumatology. Dr. Soni was Instructor in Medicine (Rheumatology) at Louisiana State University Medical Center in New Orleans, LA. He also held the position of Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine, Div. of Rheumatology at the University. Dr. Soni has been affiliated with several area hospitals, and is presently affiliated with Palos Community Hospital, and St. Francis Hospital. Dr. Soni also holds membership in American College of Rheumatology, Chicago Medical Society, Illinois Medical Society and American Medical Assoc.

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Seniors will get explanation on phone charges

The United Seniors, meeting at the First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park, 94th St. & Homan Ave., on Wednesday, May 10th, at 12:30 p.m. will have an opportunity to get various telephone bill charges clarified.

Jonathan Golden from the Citizens Utility Board will be present to explain the various terms used on the phone bill. All Seniors are invited to attend this informative meeting. Bring a phone bill for reference. Refreshments will be served.

The United Seniors meet the second Wed. of each month at 12:30 p.m. The June 14 meeting will be a box social and a travelogue. Call the Church 708-422-8451 for further information.

Hands-On home decor

Michele Domel returns to the Bridgeview Public Library Wednesday, May 10th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ms. Domel will demonstrate decorative painting techniques that you can use to decorate your home. Plus, for \$5, you will be given the materials (supplied by Ms. Domel) to practice what is being taught. The Bridgeview Public Library is located at 7840 W. 79th St., Bridgeview; telephone (708) 458-2880.

The seminar is free and open to the public, however, you must RSVP before Friday, May 26th.

To reserve your seat, please call John Evers at 708-239-4911. Please leave your phone number, name and how many people in your party will be attending.

Refreshments will be available and door prizes will be given out. Please use the rear lot for parking and take the elevator to the lower level.

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Oak Lawn Public Library

Library adopts cell phone policy

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees recently adopted a policy governing use of cell phones in the library.

"We recognize the public's need to stay in touch with others while they visit our facility," said Linda Olsen, library spokesperson. "But to be fair, we need to maintain an environment that's conducive to reading and study."

The policy allows patrons to receive cell phone calls within the library on the condition that they last less than one minute. Patrons must conduct more extended

conversations in the entry vestibules on either the Cook Avenue or Raymond Avenue sides of the library. All outgoing calls must be made from the entry vestibules noted above. The library prohibits cell phone use in their Quiet Study Room. If there is a disturbance such as loud talking and laughter, or the conversation is more than a minute, please contact a librarian or security guard to report the incident.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

Library displays for May 2000

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host two exhibits in their first floor community display cases throughout the month of May: Artwork by Village of Oak Lawn Mayor Ernest Kolb; and collectible postage stamps from the Roosevelt Philatelic Society.

Individuals and local community groups interested in exhibiting special collections, activities and creative works at the library may pick up a display case application at the Reception Booth, first floor.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

Friends of the Library trip to prairie avenue district

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a day trip to tour two historic homes in the Prairie Avenue District on Wednesday, June 14. An in-person registration will be held Saturday, May 6 at 9-11 a.m.

The cost of this trip is \$25 for Friends members and \$27 for others. It includes deluxe coach transportation, guided tours of the Glessner House

and the Clarke House and a smorgasbord lunch at Tatra Inn.

The in-person registration will be held at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., in the first floor lobby, near the Raymond Avenue entrance. If tickets remain, you may register by calling Genevieve Sobanski, trip chair, 708-598-7971, after 4 p.m.

Little company to offer parish nursing program

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers will host a meeting of parish nurses and anyone interested in this area of nursing on Tuesday, May 9, 2000, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Mary Potter Physicians Pavilion (2850 W. 95th Street, Meeting Room A). Jo Ann Gruca, R.N., Ph. D., Parish Nurse for St. Daniel the Profit Parish and Gerontological Nurse Practitioner for Fourth Presbyterian

Church will speak on the topic, *The Lived Experience of Parish Nursing*.

Parish nurses provide a vital link between health care and the community and can be a valuable resource the homebound. Please come to learn more about a worthwhile program and how you can make a difference! Refreshments will be served. To make reservations, please call 708/229-5400.

Library sponsors spring food drive

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will sponsor a Spring Food Drive Monday, May 1 through Sunday May 21.

Patrons may drop off non-perishable food and paper products in a collection bin located near their central staircase, first floor. Please be sure to bring in only unopened items that have not yet expired.

Donations will be sent to local food pantries for distribution to needy families.



Artcraft announces community projects

ArtCraft Productions, Inc., a suburban video production company, has recently announced several projects to be unveiled this summer for the entertainment and education of the local communities.

ArtCraft, based in Evergreen Park, is a full-service

video production and advertising firm that specializes in all personal, industrial and corporate video projects. This includes event taping, video duplication and editing, as well as the transfer of photos, slides and home movies into creative, customized video packages.

In addition to corporate video work, the company also provides graphic design and media placement services for local businesses.

ArtCraft is currently at work on a major video documentary on the history of the local suburbs, including, Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn, Beverly, Chicago Ridge and the Palos area. Comprising of archival photos, home movie footage and exclusive interviews with long time local residents, "West on 95th" will tell the story of this major artery and the communities through which it passes.

If you have photos or home movies to share or would just like to be an extra in a reenactment of historical events that took place in the area, contact ArtCraft Productions at 708-952-0263.

At the moment, ArtCraft is looking for a small auditorium in Evergreen Park or Oak Lawn.

We will need the auditorium for another project we are doing. We are hoping to begin a semimonthly classic film series over the summer.

ArtCraft Productions can be reached at 708-952-0263.

FAQ's on Financing a Car Over the Web

(NAPS)—40 percent of consumers who recently bought a car or truck used the Internet to help them shop, up from 25 percent a year ago. Now consumers are also financing their cars on the web. Here are some frequently asked questions about Internet auto-financing and their answers:

How do I compare and calculate monthly payments when I am auto-finance shopping?

Thanks to the Internet, this kind of information is just a mouse click away. One service, BanxQuote, allows you to compare interest rates nationwide, so you know if

you're getting a good deal. Also, look for a site that provides calculators to work out how much your monthly payments will be.

If I finance a used car, how do I find out about its history and how much it is worth?

CarFax's "Lemon Check" allows you to enter the car's VIN number (Vehicle Identification Number) and then tells you how many previous owners it has had; if it has ever been totaled or sold for salvage; or if there are any recalls on the car—from this you can work out how much the vehicle is worth. You can access the "Lemon Check" on

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"Car Confessions" Survey Exposes America's Love Affair With Its Automobiles

(NAPS)—It's no secret that Americans love their cars, but a recent survey reveals that owners of cars that are three or more years old tend to love their cars as much or more than members of their own family.

According to the "Car Confessions" survey by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company's new Gemini Automotive Care Centers, nearly 85 percent of vehicle owners in the United States own or maintain a car, truck, van or SUV that is three or more years old. Of this smitten set, one in four (25 percent) actually think of their cars as a member of the family; and almost two out of five (38 percent) say that they pamper their cars more than they do themselves. Other survey highlights include:

- When given the choice between kissing their mother or father-in-law or their car, nearly two out of five (38 percent) said they would rather pucker up and head for the garage!

- Nine out of 10 (91 percent) of this set of car owners have done something special to pamper their car in the past year, such as given it the "spa treatment."

- Nearly two out of five (39 percent) admit giving their cars more check-ups than themselves.

- More than three out of every five (62 percent) of these

owners talk to their cars, including one-third (33 percent), who have said "thank you" to their cars for a job well done.

- Almost one in five (18 percent) of those with cars that are three years and older have nicknames for them. It turns out that as a car grows older, its owner is more likely to give it a nickname.

- More than half the owners of cars three years and older (51 percent) say they use the same care in choosing a service center as they use in choosing a day care center for their child or a veterinarian for their pet.

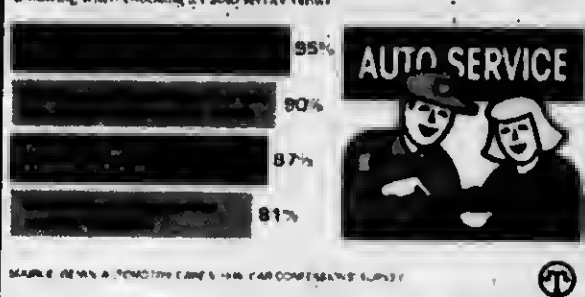
- Nearly all (95 percent) of these car fanciers said it's important that they are able to trust the people who work on their cars. In fact, they are 16 percent more likely than other car owners to insist on service centers that can deliver a trusting relationship.

- A vast majority (80 percent) of them insist on bringing their cars to service centers which maintain computer records of repair history.

"The 'Car Confessions' survey supports Gemini's core beliefs and values," said Marco Molinari, vice president of

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Group Meeting with special speaker

The St. Albert Phoenix Group for Separated, Divorced and Widowed individuals who meet the second Tuesday of the month will feature Father Terry Deffenbaugh on May 9, 2000. Father Deffenbaugh will speak on "Negatives, No, Not, Never." The meeting will be held in the St. Alberts Room, 5555 State Road, Burbank. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will start at 8:00 p.m. Further information can be obtained by calling Deacon Ken at (708) 458-8923 or Tom and Marianne (708) 499-5377.



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NEWS

OF SAFETY

Driving Teachers Endorse Anti-Lock Brakes

(NAPS)—Driving teachers have found another way to put motorists on the road to safety. The Driving School Association of the Americas (DSAA) has endorsed anti-lock brake technology in recognition of its significant contribution to automotive safety.

The DSAA, a nonprofit organization representing 2,500 driving schools, also announced its official endorsement of a curriculum designed to teach drivers about the proper use of anti-lock brake systems.

The ABS Education Alliance, the industry's first coordinated effort to inform the public about the proper use and benefits of ABS brakes, encourages driving instructors to download the curriculum from its Web site (www.abs-education.org) to ensure their students understand the proper use of anti-lock brakes and how they differ from conventional brakes.

The non-copyrighted curriculum is available to the general public as well.

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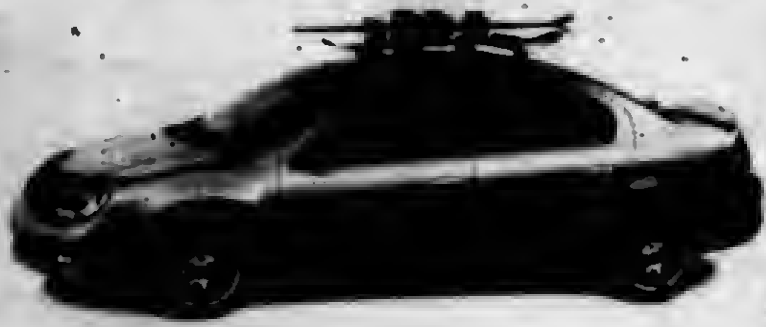


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NEWS OF AUTOMOBILES

Mopar Accessories Complement Neon 2000's All-New Exterior



(NAPS)—The quick, exciting and responsive Neon 2000 has a new exterior design which embodies a refreshing look of refinement and sophistication. Now Mopar Accessories has taken a great car and made it even better with Mopar Spoilers, Custom Wheels, Hood Covers, and Roof Racks.

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To allow owners to carry their toys along, Mopar offers both a permanent and removable roof rack for the Neon. Both style racks attach to proper vehicle structural components to ensure damage-free use. The Removable Roof Rack comes in black to match the body trim, and is constructed of steel and aluminum with rubber coating to increase durability. Straps allow the rack to be removed easily, with no hassle. Special mounting tools are included to provide quick, easy installation, as well as added security.

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Motorist find relief at the pumps says AAA-CMC

Motorists in Illinois and Northern Indiana can finally find some relief at the pumps. According to the latest fuel gauge survey conducted by the AAA Chicago Motor Club gas prices dropped an average of 10 to 19 cents per gallon in the last month.

The news comes just a month after prices at the pumps hit record highs. AAA-CMC attributes the relief in gas prices to the announced increase in oil production by OPEC nations and a drop in crude oil prices.

"The drop in gas prices is certainly great news for motorists, commercial drivers and the regional travel industry," said Steve Nolan, spokesperson for the AAA-CMC. "We can only hope that OPEC's decision to increase oil production will bring gas prices even lower as we head into the summer driving season."

The average price for a gallon of self-serve regular unleaded gasoline in Cook County is \$1.558-10 cents a gallon less than last month's price for the same gasoline.

In Down State Illinois motorists pay an average of \$1.477 for a gallon of self-serve regular unleaded gasoline-nearly 12 cents less than last month.

Northern Indiana motorists saw the largest dip in gas prices. The average price for a gallon of self-serve regular unleaded gasoline is \$1.337 nearly 19 cents less than last month.

Nationwide gasoline prices fell an average of 5.4 cents a gallon in the last month.

AAA-CMC's news and information can be found on our website, www.aaa.com, under public affairs.

"bugs" deliberately planted in identical 2000 Ford Taurus vehicles. The team that finishes in the least amount of time and with the highest quality workmanship advances to the national finals in Washington, D.C. on June 19, 2000. There they will compete against the top teams from each state in the country.

To make it to the state finals more than 150 Illinois high school seniors, who were enrolled in automotive technology courses, took a written exam testing academic and mechanical knowledge. Those who scored highest will polish up their "hands-on" skills before they take the Ford/AAA Auto Skills Challenge.

"These students represent the next generation of automotive technicians," says Steve Nolan, AAA-CMC's spokesperson. "Today's high-tech cars require highly skilled workers. The Auto Skills competition is designed to reward and encourage professionalism, in both technical and customer service ability."

The students are competing for more than \$25,000 in automotive technology scholarships and prizes. Many of the contestants will continue their automotive technical education at the college level.

NEWS OF SAFETY

Better Protection In An Accident

(NAPS)—Automobile safety is no accident. Improved safety features are helping to reduce the estimated 10,000 fatalities from side-impact crashes in the United States each year. Some 45 percent of those are head injuries.



Side Impact Crashes

One of the safety features being used is a side impact Inflatable Curtain that helps cushion the head while blocking intrusion of flying glass and other dangerous accident debris. The safety feature, developed by Autoliv, the world's largest manufacturer of car seat belts and air bags, is made with exclusive one-piece woven construction, special textile coatings and low temperature inflators that produce deployment characteristics ideally matched to side impact crash zones. These features also allow the Inflatable Curtain to hold full inflation for extended periods, a key protective advantage in roll-over crashes. In these situations, the Inflatable Curtain also helps prevent occupant ejection.

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Auto repair experts announces information hot line

Auto Repair Experts has recently introduced a free recorded consumer help line phone number to provide information to anyone wishing to know more about having their vehicle repaired. Owner Wayne Greider states, "After being in business for 20 years I realized more and more people need accurate information when it comes to having your car repaired. This recorded phone number will give the consumer seven questions that should be asked of any repair shop before taking your car in for service. For instance, many shops will give you a "low ball" price just to get you to bring in your car and then

once they have the car on the hoist the price is suddenly much higher, but in reality no one can give you a accurate estimate for repairs until they have the car in their shop. Auto repair isn't like buying a can of corn from Jewel or Dominicks, every shop has a different level of skilled technicians, procedures and use of different quality parts" states Greider. It all comes down to the more information a person has about auto repair the more likely they won't be surprised when it comes time to chose a repair shop, the number for the hot line is 773-247-3156, everyone is invited to call.

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Students to compete in Ford/AAA Auto skills competition

AAA Chicago Motor Club announced that 10 teams made up of two Illinois high school seniors have advanced to the state finals of the Ford/AAA Auto skills competition.

The competition begins at 10 am. on Thursday, May 11th in the Parkland College parking lot "M3", in Champaign.

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Gator's golf guide

Golf is a game not usually associated with injury, unlike football, basketball, or hockey where body contact, quick stops, and quick changes in direction do lend themselves to injury. Yet it is not that uncommon to see golfers experience back, shoulder, arm and wrist problems. Let me emphasize that injury as I am discussing it does not necessarily mean major injury, although this is possible, but rather those nagging and sometimes lingering kinds of injury which keep you from reaching your full range of motion in your swing.

Golf is somewhat unique in its nature. You stand to the side of the ball in the address position, and then attempt to hit it with accuracy and distance while it lays there motionless on the ground. How we accomplish this through the set up and the use of our swing mechanics, in the one to one and a half seconds it takes to swing the club, will determine what, if any, minor injuries we will incur.

With these thoughts in mind, let's look at five of the most common faults I see which make you susceptible to those nagging type of injuries.

*Not stretching and warming up prior to starting, resulting in general overall soreness. This was addressed at length in a previous column.

* Poor posture resulting from being too far away from the ball at address. This puts a definite strain on the lower back because of bending too far forward at the hips. This can be eliminated by letting the arms hang naturally downward from the shoulders in front of the body.

* Squeezing the club too tightly, causing tension in the hands which in turn causes soreness in the hands, wrists, and forearms. This can be eliminated by keeping a grip pressure of 4 or 5 on a 1-10 scale, with 1 being loose and 10 being tight. Tension is a killer. It keeps you from swinging with rhythm and tempo as well as causing muscle soreness.

* The downswing becomes too steep, resulting in hitting the ground behind the ball, causing a jolt to the hands and wrists. In an attempt to keep from hitting the ground you will change your posture by straightening up as you near impact, which results in topping the ball. The steep downswing can be controlled by keeping the club lower to the ground as you start your swing, which will widen your swing arc and reduce your angle of approach to the ball.

* Not reaching a full follow through position, resulting in too much weight staying on the back foot which puts strain on the middle and lower back. This can be eliminated by making sure that almost 100% of your weight is on the outside of your front foot upon completion of the follow through, combined with finishing in good balance.

If you have any of these faults I have just discussed, following my suggestions will certainly help in getting you on the way to recovery and free from those nagging injuries.

I have a new teaching aid now available. It is a booklet entitled *Your Personal Guide To a Good Set Up*. If interested in the booklet or private golf lessons, Bob Gates can be contacted at (708) 425-8637 or (708) 857-2214.



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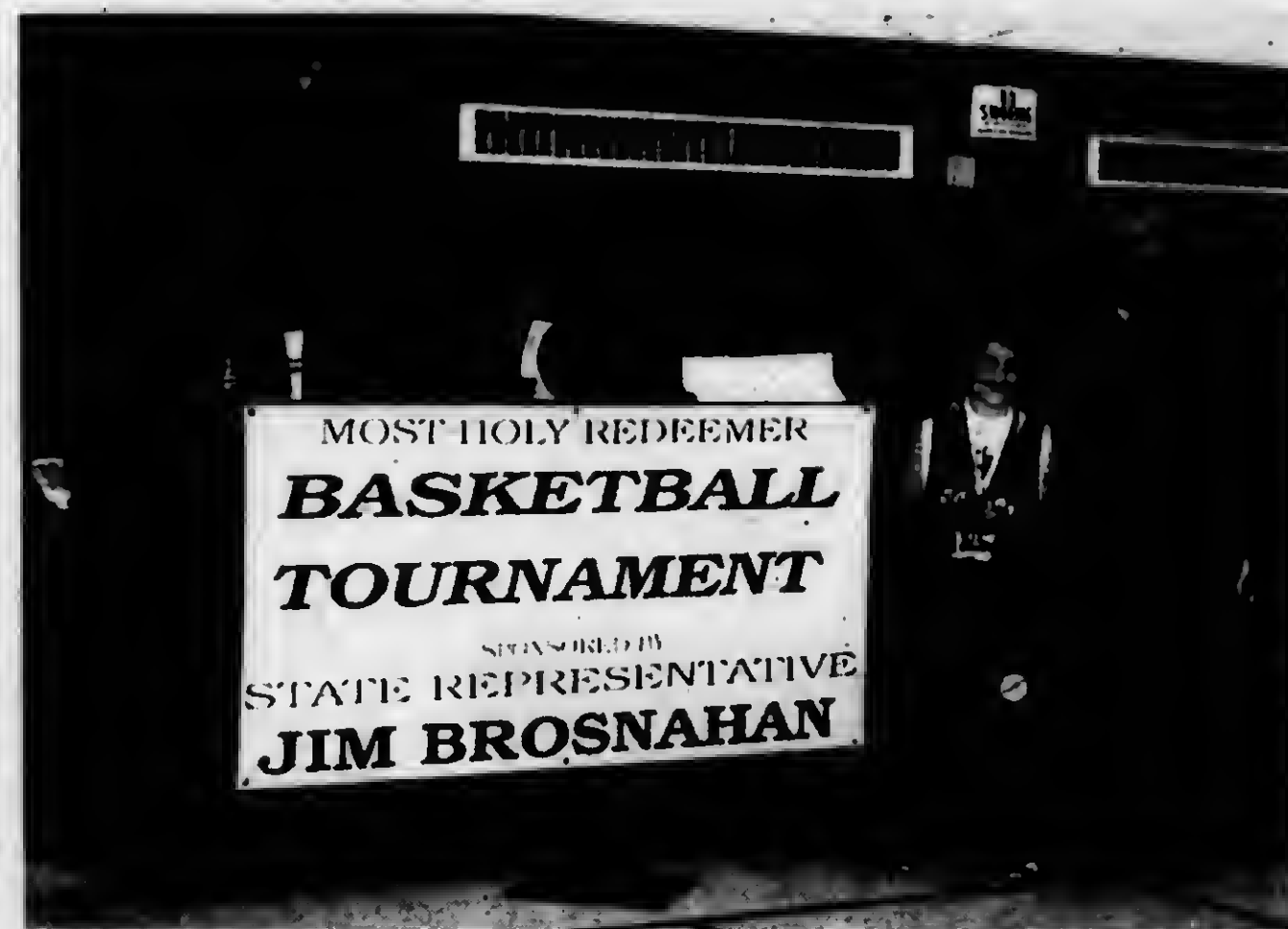
The St. Fabian Phoenix Group for separated, divorced and widowed individuals who meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month will feature Caron Beissmann on Thursday, May 11, 2000. Caron will speak on "Life's Balance." Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will start at 8:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center 7450 W. 83rd Street, Bridgeview. Further information can be obtained by calling Deacon Ken at (708) 458-8923 or Tom and Marianne (708) 499-5377.

100% applied for college - Goal in sight

The Queen of Peace Class of 2000 is fast on its way to achieving 100% applied for college. Throughout the halls, banners post the success of homeroom after homeroom as it reaches its goal. Pictured here are the members of Ms. Zitlow's (Beverly) senior homeroom. Congratulations and good luck to all of Queen of Peace seniors.

For additional information, contact Linda Lopez at (708) 458-7600, Ext. 252.

Ed Kozak, Alumni Relations Director at St. Laurence High School, receives keys to a brand new 2000 Ford Mustang convertible from Lisa Hawkinson, Director of Community Relations at Hawkinson Ford in Oak Lawn. Hawkinson Ford is sponsoring a Hole-in-One promotion at the St. Laurence Alumni Golf Open on Saturday, May 20. The outing, which has been a sellout for the past three years, will be held on the Red and White courses at Gleneagles Country Club. Reservations can be made by contacting the school at 708-458-6900, ext. 253.



Brosnahan & Holy Redeemer host annual basketball tournament

State Representative Jim Brosnahan and the Most Holy Redeemer Athletic Association recently hosted the Annual Grade School Basketball Tournament. 30 of the best teams from the Chicagoland area competed at the Evergreen Park grade school. This year Annunciata from the East Side of Chicago defeated St. Michael's of Orland Park in the championship game. State Representative Jim Brosnahan, right, pictured with the MVP of the tournament from Annunciata Grade School.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by: Kathy Whirity

The Letter

It was a letter the mom insisted her daughter write. A note from little sister to big sister, expressing positive feelings, for the older child to read at her upcoming Kairos retreat. Along with senior prom and graduation, the spiritual enlightenment of the Kairos retreat is also a highlight of the planned agenda for this last year of high school, where these young adults have the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of their lives with their peers. Most important for this retreat are the positive letters written to the retreatants by their family and friends.

The mom wrote her "mom" letter, truthfully letting her feelings spill onto the page with sincere pride at the beautiful, young woman her eldest daughter had become. When she was through she reminded her youngest daughter to do the same.

Her reluctance to write was understandable. The two sisters had given new meaning to the phrase sibling rivalry. Lately they had barely talked civil to each other, let alone express compliments to one another.

Once upon a time, a room full of Barbie dolls and two active imaginations were all these little pals needed to spend hours happily playing together. Years later the battle lines would be drawn over phone lines and bathroom time, with their weary mother frightfully unsure if they'd ever get along. Still, the hopeful mom insisted that the little one write something heartfelt to her only sibling.

The morning of the retreat the little sister ran into the school's office, just in a nick of time, to drop off the all important letter.

The weekend's events ended with parents and friends secretly waiting in the school's gym, to welcome their return. As the group of exhausted girls come walking through the door, the clapping, shouts and cheers from the packed gymnasium, caught them by complete surprise.

Each girl had a turn at the microphone, to face the audience and share her most enlightened moment of the weekend. Parents sat in anticipation of what soul searching revelation their daughters would reveal. Though not spoken in the same words, most expressed gratitude for the love and support of their families.

When it was her daughter's turn, the mom watched as her daughter slowly made her way to the podium. The eldest daughter, whom the mom had often accused of being a bully, when it came to the way she treated her younger sister, stood at the mike, tears streaming down her face. Looking out at the crowd, she called her sister by name and blurted out to the packed gym that she thought her sister was awesome. Out of all the letters, it was the one from her sister that spoke to her most fragile emotions.

The mom and dad glanced at each other and back to their daughter—there wasn't a dry eye between them. The mother would probably never know the meaning behind such a tender revelation but, for these sisters, a bonding had taken place, a bonding that petty little squabbles and silly little arguments could never diminish. Things aren't always what they seem. How could their mother have known that in her children's hearts would awaken a deep closeness, left better described through a letter, written by the least likely of all writers—a little sister.

What's Happening in Worth

The village of Worth Economic Development Commission is in the early stages of planning a Bridal Fair to take place in February 2001. We are promoting the concept of planning a wedding using local Worth Businesses and offering a coupon incentive from each business that participates. We are looking for participation from clothiers, photographers, musicians, disk jockeys, banquet halls, caterers, florists printers, jewelers, real estate agents, and anyone else that may provide a service to a couple that are planning a wedding. For more information, please leave your name and number with the staff at the Worth Village Hall (708) 448-1181.

SIDEWALK SALE

THE WORTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION IS PLANNING A SIDEWALK SALE JUNE 9th and 10th. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A VERY FULL PARTICIPATION FROM THE LOCAL BUSINESSES. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME AND NUMBER WITH THE STAFF AT THE WORTH VILLAGE HALL (708-448-1181).

Harris to address Brandt Actioneers

Commissioner Jim Harris of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will speak before the Brandt Actioneers, Wednesday, May 10 at 1:30 p.m. at Pilgrim Faith Church, in Oak Lawn.

Margaret Matson, announced the commissioner will explain the working of the M.W.R.D. with a slide presentation.



Chaos ensues, when Mr. Saunders, played by Jim Kearney, (Palos Heights), (Second from right), attacks the Bellhop, played by Wayne Wendell, (98th & Damen), while Julie Gurrister (103rd & Wood) (far left) as Maggie and Sharon Novickas as Julia (103rd & Hamilton) (far right) look on, in this scene from the Beverly Theatre Guild's production of the hilarious comedy "Lend Me A Tenor" by Ken Ludwig, to be performed at the Beverly Art Center on Friday May 5 and Saturday, May 6.

Beverly Theatre Guild closes their season with a comedy

The Beverly Theatre Guild will conclude their 99-2000 season of theater with the hilarious comedy, "Lend Me A Tenor", by Ken Ludwig, to be performed at the Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th St. Chicago, Friday, May 5th and Saturday, May 6th at 8 pm and Sunday, May 7th at 2 p.m. The stage is set for a special appearance by famous opera tenor, Tito Mereilli, played by Jim Seeberg, singing the part of Othello for the Cleveland Grand Opera Company.

The show is directed by Bob Kosson, assisted by Karen Breen and produced by Julie Zebleckis and Eileen Cosgrove.

For tickets to this very professional community theatre phone 312-409-2705 for tickets which are \$13 per adult and \$11 for seniors.



Spring concert is on its way

The Tenth Annual Karen Beckering Spring Concert will be held on Sunday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, 8426 W. 95th St. A concert of the finest in classical, spiritual and gospel music will be presented by the Chatham Choral Ensemble. Tickets are available at the door or call 708-598-3100. Admission \$8.00. Students and seniors 65 & older \$5.00.

Peace student earns perfect score

Queen of Peace junior, Liz Cleary (Chicago Ridge) earned a perfect score and took first place at the IHSA Solo-ensemble Contest. Cleary, who performed "I Never Saw a Moor," also placed first in the Ensemble performance with the Queen of Peace Chamber Singers.

Cleary has been a member of the Chamber Singers for the past two years. Prior to that, she performed in the Peace Chorus. She is also a member of the Peace Theatre Company, and recently appeared as the Goddess of Love in the Spring Musical, "Once on This Island." "I really love singing," said Cleary. "I enjoy being with the other students in Chambers, and I love our choral director, Ms. Cunningham. She is just great."

Cleary will continue her involvement in Peace Chamber Singers, and plans to audition for next year's Spring Musical. After she graduates, she will continue her education as a music/vocal performance major.



Commissioner Harris was elected in November of 1998. Harris served as chairman on several public service committees in his community before being elected the Mayor of Phoenix, IL.

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Moraine Valley Community College

Recognition set for two Moraine Valley students

Two Moraine Valley students are preparing for their chosen careers and gaining recognition along the way.

Guinevere E. Werr and Ann E. Thiede, both of Palos Hills, are well on their way to earning associates degrees in Restaurant/Hotel Management. Their effort in the classroom also has earned nominations from their instructor, Professor Michael Wade, as delegates to the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation's "Salute to Excellence." Wade characterized the two women as "dedicated, hard working students on their way to being somebody."

They will be honored at an awards banquet Saturday, May 20, at the Hilton Chicago and Towers. Delegates also will hear from experts in

the restaurant industry speak of projected growth in the industry and the growing pool of career opportunities.

The college's management program prepares students to be professionals in the hospitality and food service industry.

Werr, 26, said the program is perfect for her. She hopes to one day own "the most romantic bed and breakfast in the country."

Thiede, 38, has set an employment goal that would have her planning for large events at a local golf course.

"I have always wanted to go to school for something like this. So when the opportunity presented itself, I went for it."

For more information, phone Barbara Dargis, College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742.

Jazz, big band style at Moraine Valley

Moraine Valley's very own jazz ensemble will perform foot-stomping tunes in the Dorothy Menker Theater, Friday, May 5, at 7:30 p.m. on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

The Jazz Ensemble, made up of Moraine Valley student musicians and community members, is directed by Tim AuBuchon. The group has been playing together for three years and annually performs a winter and a spring concert.

As an added attraction for the upcoming concert, well-known trumpeter Orbert

Davis will perform in solo and along with the 18-member Jazz Ensemble.

Expect to hear popular jazz favorites such as *April in Paris*, *Prelude to a Kiss*, and others.

Ticket prices are \$7.50 for adults and \$5.50 for seniors and students. A \$1 service fee is added for phone orders.

For ticket information, phone Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center box office at (708) 974-5500.

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Broadway music comes to Moraine Valley

Three vocal groups will put their personal touches on some ever popular Broadway music selections at the "Broadway spectacular," Saturday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Moraine Valley's Dorothy Menker Theater on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

The vocal concert will feature a trio of Moraine Valley choirs: the Moraine Valley Chorale, the Chamber Singers, and the Children's Choir. The concert is the highlight of a semester's worth of work for the adult students who attend Moraine Valley and participate in choir programs, and the 11 children who make up the Children's Choir.

The Broadway theme was selected to wrap up the semester because of familiarity with songs such as *Beauty and the Beast*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and *Oklahoma*, said Nicholas Thomas, choral director and Academic Music coordinator. Ticket prices are \$7.50 for adults and \$5.50 for seniors and students. A \$1 fee is added for phone orders.

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Famed dinosaur hunter talks at Aglow a network of caring women reach out

Dinosaur hunter and scholar-adventurer Paul Sereno will be presenting a free talk at Daley College on May 5th, on "Digging Dinosaurs in the Sahara Desert." As his work suggests, Sereno is not a typical university professor. In fact, from his childhood, it would be impossible to have guessed that he would become a professor at all.

His mother nicknamed him "Buddha" for his serene composure as an infant. "That nickname was quickly forgotten after I entered First grade," he notes, "the start of a troubled career in public school. I needed attention, and I found innovative ways to get it. I nearly failed second grade, having mastered little in the way of reading or math skills." Paul Sereno, Professor of Paleontology at the University of Chicago, has done much better since grade school. He has published dozens of articles and book chapters, been featured on news programs and documentaries, and has won numerous academic awards, including a Teacher of the Year award from the Chicago

Tribune and a University Medal for Excellence from Columbia University, where he earned his Ph.D. In addition, Sereno has been recognized as one of the top "40 under 40," by *Crain's Chicago Business*, as one of the "50 Most Beautiful People" by *People Magazine* and as one of the "100 Best People in the World" by *Esquire Magazine*.

Sereno's adventures while hunting for dinosaurs have taken him to many unusual and remote parts of the world. He collected his first dinosaur bone in Mongolia's famed Gobi Desert. Four years later, while in the picturesque badland in the foothills of the Andes Mountains in Argentina, he discovered the first complete skull and skeleton of an early dinosaur known as *Herrerasaurus*. That dinosaur is now on display at the Field Museum of Natural History.

Many other discoveries have followed, many as part of field trips with his students in areas including Southern Texas, Northern China, and Niger. One of the most dramatic discoveries was the

huge skull of the predator *Carcharodontosaurus*, or "shark-toothed reptile," which his team found in Morocco.

Sereno's talk at Daley College has been arranged by the Department of Biology at Daley College, and open to college students, high school students, and the general public at no charge. He will be speaking in the Beattie Theater of the college at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 5th. For further information, call the Department of Biology, (773) 838-7731 or 7732.

Daley College, 7500 South Pulaski Road, one of the City Colleges of Chicago, offers certificates and two year college programs. During the past two years, the college has won numerous awards for its innovative educational programs and services, including a national award from the National Council of Instructional Administrators in March 2000 for its innovative approach to teaching foreign languages.



The featured speakers for May will be Tina Zwirkoski and her father Hank, the Chicago Ridge Youth Service Bureau Director. Tina is a sophomore at Olivet Nazarene University and a member, with her family, of Moraine Valley Church. She was instrumental in starting a bible study at her alma mater, Oak Lawn Community High School, has traveled to Mexico, Montana, and the inner city with her church group.

This is a special program for families. Teens, preteens and parents are invited to share in a discussion about "How to communicate with each other in the spirit of love, and the importance of God in the Family."

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Sen. O'Malley receives certificate of appreciation

Illinois Church Action on Alcohol Problems presented a certificate of appreciation to Senator Patrick O'Malley for cosponsoring legislation to raise the age to gamble to 21 for horse racing and the lottery.

Anita Bedel, Executive Director (ILLCAAP) said, "studies have shown the rate of pathological gambling is increasing among adolescents. Raising the age to gamble to 21 would demonstrate the potential harm from gambling and prevent many young people from becoming pathological gamblers. We commend Sen.

O'Malley for his leadership in addressing the issue of adolescent gambling. Senator O'Malley demonstrated his desire to serve the citizens of his district and all of Illinois."

After passing in the House of Representatives, HB 3490 was defeated in the Senate Executive Committee.

ILLCAAP, based in Springfield, is a statewide prevention organization that coordinates the effort to oppose the expansion of gambling in Illinois.

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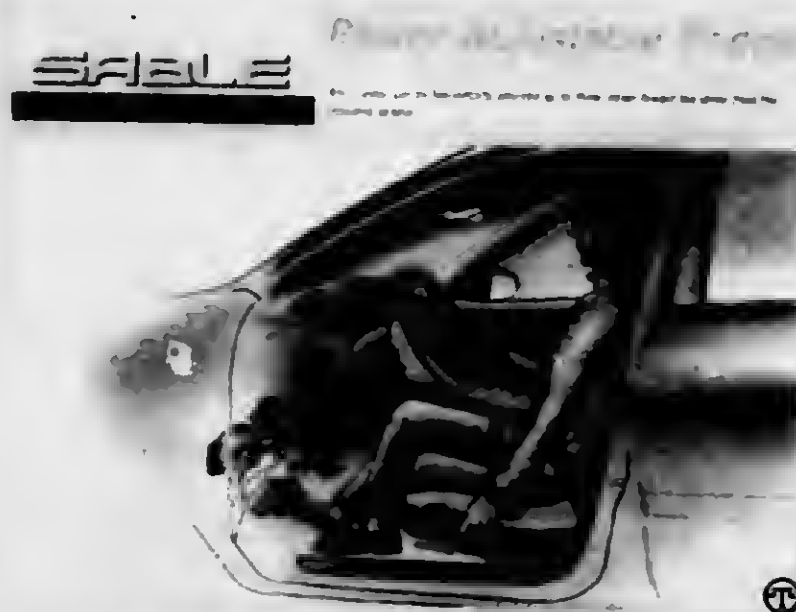
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Don't shy away from stocks

Investing in stocks over long periods of time can potentially be a successful wealth-building strategy. Why should you invest in stocks? One important reason is that stocks offer the potential to produce returns that stay significantly ahead of inflation, helping you reach long-term financial goals.

With the recent volatility displayed by the stock market, some people may avoid stocks as a key investment. While it's true that the price of stocks can rise and fall - sometimes dramatically - you also have to consider the risk of investing in another type of security that offers returns that may be lower than what stocks can offer. You should also know that when you own a stock, you actually own a piece of the corporation that issued the stock.

So, now you ask, what about volatility? Well, stock investors have had to tolerate more than twice the volatility of the long-term bond investor. In other words, stock investors have had to withstand a good deal more risk than a fixed-income investor, but there is also the potential for attractive returns. However, some investors can't tolerate an investment that can decline or rise in value as much as 20% a year, so it is important to

understand how much risk you are able to tolerate in reaching your investment goals.

Here are some time-tested techniques that can simplify your approach to stock investing:

*** Dividend reinvestment.** One way to enhance total return from your stocks is to reinvest cash dividends to buy more shares of stock. Dividend reinvestment allows a stock investor the ability to further benefit from the potential growth of a company by increasing the number of shares owned.

*** Dollar cost averaging.** Another technique is called dollar cost averaging, systematically investing the same amount of money over a period of weeks, months or years. The result is you accumulate shares over several months with the same dollar amount every month, as opposed to the outright purchase of the whole portfolio. Dollar cost averaging allows you to spend a set amount of money every month to buy shares, regardless of market activity. So when the stock is up, you'd buy fewer shares and when the stock is down, you'd buy more shares with the same amount of money. This technique greatly reduces the need for perfect market timing and may reduce the pressure of asking

yourself when is the right time to purchase a stock. Of course, dollar cost averaging does not ensure a profit or protect against a loss in a declining market. As with any investment technique, you should consider your financial and emotional ability to continue the program in both up and down markets.

*** Diversification.** Another way to reduce risk is by diversifying your portfolio. A well-rounded portfolio should contain several different stocks with no more than 15% of the total portfolio value in any one stock. You should also have eight to 25 stocks in six to eight different sectors with different investment characteristics, but no more than 25% of the total portfolio value in any single sector.

The first step is any investment planning process is to analyze your own financial situation and determine your goals, risk tolerance and time period for investing. If your goals are longer term, stocks may be an appropriate investment to consider.

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mathematics classes about nuclear power and nuclear engineering. EM Sinnakrot, a nuclear engineer, cleared up some misconceptions about nuclear power, demystifying the notion of "nuclear" referring only to deadly radiation, explosions and bombs by explaining the benefits of nuclear power as an efficient energy source.

The naval officers tested the students knowledge of current energy sources and their limited supply and explained why nuclear power is the more viable option for the future.

EM Sinnakrot also told the students what it is like to live in a nuclear-powered submarine for months on end. The naval officer also talked about what went wrong at Chernobyl and how the U.S. safeguards against such catastrophes. Through the presentation, the students received firsthand knowledge of nuclear power and what it is like to both be in the Navy and to be a nuclear engineer.

Mate (EM) Sam Sinnakrot (standing) and Boatswains Mate (BM) Blake T. Shelton (seated) recently spoke to De La Salle Institute Honors

Nuclear power is nothing like what is portrayed on the television cartoon, The Simpsons. That was evident at Naval officers Electricians



Naval Officers speak at DeLaSalle Institute



Frank Amato appeared the Illinois lottery show. (left to right) Linda Kollmeyer, Frank Amato and Mark Goodman.

Oak Lawn resident has fame and fortune on lottery show

Frank Amato qualified for the show when he uncovered three TV symbols on an Illinois instant ticket, filled out the back and sent it to the lottery office in Springfield.

Mr. Amato won \$9,750 playing Double Dollar and Force Field on the Illinois Lottery Game show.

Contestants have the opportunity to play three of the five main games and all contestants have the chance to win up to \$200,000 playing the last game, Pot of Gold. Different teams are formed for each of the main games played when all 18 contestants play the virtual pinball

machine, a computer generated game which determines if they are on the playing team. Everyone plays Pot of Gold. Team leaders are chosen prior to the taping when contestants draw numbers and the person drawing the highest number is named team leader.

New varsity boys basketball coach hired at Richards

Community High School District 218 recently hired Ken Styler as the new varsity boys basketball coach at Harold L. Richards High School in Oak Lawn. Styler will begin teaching and coaching duties at Richards at the start of the 2000-2001 school year.

Styler coached the varsity basketball team at Marist High School in Chicago to a record of 287-181 between 1983 and 2000.

He served as the Director of Admissions at Marist from 1997 to 2000; Director of Recruitment from 1991 to 1996, and; as a teacher from 1980 to 1990. Styler has a masters degree from Chicago State University and a bachelors degree from St. Xavier University.

His athletic honors include Illinois High School Association District 3 Coach of the Year in 1996 and 1997;

East Suburban Catholic Conference Coach of the Year in 1983, 1988, 1992, 1994 and 1996, and; election to the Marist High School Hall of Fame in 1997 and the St. Xavier University Hall of Fame in 1992.

Styler will replace Jack Fitzgerald, who resigned as the Richards coach after the 1999-2000 season to accept a position as an assistant basketball coach at St. Xavier.

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Moraine Valley names award winner

A Palos Hills college student at Moraine Valley has taken a very involved route to recognition for her leadership skills.

Amanda Rzendzian has been selected to receive the

college's Award of Excellence, an award presented annually to a student with leadership skills and high-level participation in college activities.

Amanda has raked leaves,

collected eyeglasses and crayons, coordinated a writing contest for school-age children, mailed packages of letters to men and women in the armed forces, and created a tutoring program for reading for first-graders at Wilkins Elementary School in Justice. She also participated in a variety of other volunteer activities, while maintaining an "A" average. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the official honor society of a two-year college.

Amanda, 20, plans to pursue a business major this fall at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

The \$500 scholarship will be presented to Amanda at a College Activities award banquet Friday, May 12, at 7 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel in Alsip. For more information, Phone Barbara Dargis at (708) 974-5742



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Stagg Land

On April 26 a crowd of approximately 300 voters showed up at Conrady Jr. Highschool to voice their opinions in front of the Palos Hills Planning and Zoning Committee about the proposed development of woodlands directly behind Stagg Highschool.

The school planed to build two baseball fields, a softball field, and two soccer fields on a 20 acre parcel owned by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District between the north bank of the Calumet-Sag Channel and Stagg's backyard.

Stagg's athletic director Robert Fabrizio presented a plan saying better recreational facilities would benefit the whole community not only Stagg students. "We plan to enhance the natural beauty of the area while at the same time provide recreational opportunities for the entire Palos Hills Community" states a full color fact sheet being distributed by Stagg to residents. Fabrizio told the people, "Better schools and better recreational facilities make a better community. Currently it is a dumping zone. Look at the beautiful Worth Township project and its success. We are only asking for 20 acres

Senior citizens meeting

The Worth Township Senior Citizens Meeting on Friday, May 5th, 2000 will start with a Memorial Service for Emmett "Bud" Meyer. The time is 1 PM in the gym of the Worth Twsp. Center, 11601 S. Pulaski. Following will be our regular program and refreshments. All are welcome. (708) 371-2900, Ex. 28

to replace fields so we are losing because we are making Stagg state of the art."

Timbers town house subdivision resident John Vanlien, president of Palos Hills Condo Row Association spoke for the residents who oppose any development of the nature sanctuary. He said, "Trees are more valuable than what they are proposing. Talk to people on 115th street in Worth about their problems. What if the same problems happen here? Property values will go down and taxes will go up."

Tim Brown superintendent of schools said, "Stagg is not going to be a stepsister to the other high schools in neighboring suburbs. We need the fields to make Stagg your highschool state of the art, second to none."

Diana Sizemore of the Rivera Townhomes said, "The area of the nature sanctuary is beautiful. What about ordinance 808 protecting the land? I saw an egret an endangered species resting there. You cannot interrupt the wildlife. I do not believe if you do not get these fields the students will turn to drugs."

The meeting lasted over two and half hours with neither side giving in. At Thursday's city council meeting Alderman Andy Salattee suggested that representatives from both sides meet in.

The planning and zoning board comprised of alderman Al Pacek, Pauline Stratton, and chairperson Darlene Mier then gave members of the audience each three minutes to speak.

John Vogdren of the Timbers stated he has given the Palos Hills City Council a petition of over 1361 signatures opposing any development of the nature sanctuary.

Lucky Wagner a Palos Hills resident and Stagg student said, "There isn't always enough space to play with the added fields there would be enough room for everyone."

May Bill Ryan of the Timbers said, "Any loss of green space would be a problem. Economic impact on our townhouses would mean a loss. What about the wildlife? I have deer, squirrels, and raccoons around my patio all the time." Council chambers to iron out a deal. This was met by approval by the other alderman and is planned to be held within the next two weeks.

Alderman Pauline Stratton has been a strong supporter of Stagg's proposal for new fields for more than 10 years. "I'm for any plan that would benefit the kids."

Al Pacek also a member of the planning and zoning committee and chairman of Parks and Recreation said "I am an environmentalist. I want to keep as much green space as possible. We need another meeting to try to hammer out a compromise."

Mayor Gerald Bennett stated, "MWRD has strict guidelines on how to use the area. If you take a lease on the property it must be open to the public."

Alderman Thomas said, "I am an environmentalist and a teacher. I must give this slot of thought and research before I vote."

Alderman Williams stated, "Both sides must come to a compromise before I can vote." Alderman Salattee agreed with him.

The other alderman were not available for comment.

The next City council meeting will be May 4 at 8 p.m.

Palos Heights Meeting

Taxpayers of Palos Heights will see a slight increase in their bill this year because the city can no longer pay the cost of bonds purchased for the Metra Station in 1991.

Alderman Donnack said the city owes \$58,000 in principle and interest for bonds issued in 1991 and \$57,000 for bonds refinanced in 1999. The 1991 bonds will be paid off in 2001 and the refinanced bonds will be paid off in 2009. Business owners and residents will see a \$3.00 increase in taxes according to Donnack.

There was a disagreement over how to pay for the

bonds. Julie Corsi and Jim Murphy first ward alderman wanted Donnack to use the money set aside for the position of director of accounting and office management. They said the salary could be used to abate the bonds.

Donnack said the salary of about \$43,000 was not enough to abate the bonds and accused Murphy and Corsi of trying to politically kill the position because they were against it.

The council voted 5 to 3 not to remove the money budgeted for the position in order to abate the bonds. Alderman James Healy 4th Ward joined Murphy and

Corsi in favor of deferring the position.

A bonus of \$5000 was awarded to Building commissioner William Czajkowski for his work on Westgate. Mayor

Koldenhoven spoke against giving the bonus and Alderman Donnack was the only one who voted against it. All other aldermen except for Passerelli who abstained voted in favor.

The next Palos Heights City Council meeting of May 2 will be on TV. Call City Hall at 708-361-1800 to obtain viewing times.

by: Carlene O'Connor

LaPosada to be torn down

by: Jude Coyle

During their April 18, Regular Meeting, the Chicago Ridge Village Board instructed Attorney George Witous to write a letter concerning the demolition of LaPosada Restaurant. The restaurant was gutted by fire Columbus Day of '99. According to Village Clerk Charles Tokar, the insurance company has dropped the ball on this. All investigations were completed months ago, yet it sits. It is a danger that screams out for neighborhood children to play in, a danger to neighbors, and an eyesore. Mr. Tokar cited how his neighbors behind him found burnt boards on their lawn after a recent wind storm. Mr. Tokar also stated that Mr. Stan Kwasny, the owner, has cooperated fully with the village, the bank and the insurance company, and is still paying his mortgage. Mr. Kwasny is planning to rebuild. The letter will be addressed to Mr. Kwasny, owner; the Worth Bank, mortgage holder; and the insurance company. They will have fifteen days after the receipt of the letter to tear

down the remaining building.

Village Engineering, Dr. Chris Burke announced that the Army Corp. of Engineers has asked for the Village's permission to reroute the Melvina Ditch. This is a feeder channel to Stony Creek. It connects east of Chicago Ridge Mall in Oak Lawn, and runs west. At that site substantial flooding occurs after every storm. It is hoped, that by connecting Melvina Ditch to Stony Creek further upstream, the flooding will be alleviated. According to Dr. Burke, the place where the Corp. of Engineers plans to reconnect the two is located in Chicago Ridge, and has been designated by the Village as wet lands. The largest question to be addressed is whether flooding will be diverted into Chicago Ridge as well. The Corp. of Engineers is researching that now.

After months of deliberation, planning to training, the Chicago Ridge Village Board has approved the purchase of 9 defibrillator units. They will be kept in squad cars and

the Police Station. Also approved is the purchase of a new tornado alarm system, which will be bid on soon.

Maureen Socha presented the Village Board with activity reports for the Fire Department for the months of January, February and March. According to Trustee Socha, the average person does not realize how big the job of fire protection is. In January, the CRFD took 158 calls, 110 required paramedic/ambulance services, and 48 were fire emergencies. In February, there were 69 paramedic calls and 56 fire emergencies. In March, there were 114 calls for paramedics and 57 fire emergencies. During this same period, Chicago Ridge assisted other agencies a total of 110 times, and received assistance 58 times. The Fire Department was called out for an unresponsive baby, for heart attacks, choking, carbon monoxide alert, diabetic reaction, burns, falls, auto accidents, etc.

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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge



The Clearing night force neighborhood watch sponsors casino trip

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Photos by Rick Techman

CTA claims not cutting service

by Rick Techman

A Chicago Transit Authority representative visited the Garfield Ridge Civic League recently to announce possible changes in bus service in the area, but assured everyone that the CTA would not cut service.

Mary Kay Christopher, CTA General Manager for Service Planning, suggested a new type of service, known as "flexible" service, might better fit the commuting needs of several Chicago communities. She said a study of the flexible service program is currently in place here with the participation of area leaders.

Christopher said there are four areas in the city of Chicago where flexible service is under consideration including the Clearing-Garfield Ridge communities west of Cicero Avenue.

"Flexible service," Christopher said, "is any type of service that is proposed with a small vehicle operating on local streets as opposed to a 40 foot bus operating on an arterial street."

Christopher said several different forms of a survey were taken to get residents' opinions of the best type of CTA service for the area. She added a telephone survey was taken, though no one in the audience claimed to have received a call.

She said the first survey the CTA started with was a rider's survey. This way everyone who rode the bus down Archer and 63rd Street could pick up a survey and have their voice counted. She also said the CTA took rider surveys at the bus station at the Orange Line to get commuter opinions about CTA improvements.

Christopher said the changes the CTA planned for transportation west of Cicero would include two 16 passenger busses operating on feeder routes in the area during midday beginning about 10 am. She also said these busses could either be summoned to pick up riders at their homes or caught at certain stops along the route, pre-planned, at a specified

time of the day.

Most residents in attendance at the meeting argued against any changes in local CTA transportation other than to suggest that buses should be increased and operate on a more accurate schedule.

Residents responded to Christopher's claim of low ridership by explaining if the schedules were accurately kept and the trains and busses moved on time more people would be taking the CTA rather than less.

While Christopher encourage participation in the ongoing CTA survey and open-mindedness to her flexible service plan, CTA riders in attendance steadfastly insisted that more 40 ft. buses be added at more frequent intervals as the only alternative.

When asked by a resident what her primary mod of transportation was to work each morning, Christopher admitted she drove her own car.

Loyalty parade held to honor vets

by Rick Techman

Dozens of spectators watched the Annual Veterans of Foreign Wars Loyalty Day Parade as it proceeded down 63rd Street from Kolmar Avenue Sunday, April 30.

Several local veterans groups participated with floats and color guards including the Desplaines Valley Memorial Post #6863. The Connolly Victory Post #3940 provided a train en-

gine float and Bridgeport VFW Post #5079 also took part in the parade.

Several high school JROTC units also marched in the parade. The Hubbard JROTC in particular noted that the VFW has continually supported them with awards, medals and financial donations. Therefore, as a way of saying "thank you", the entire Hubbard battalion marched in the parade.

Other eager participants included the Women Auxiliary and a scout troop. Almost 200 people marched in the parade which was closely let by Chicago Police. The parade ended at 63rd and Lawndale where hot dogs and pop, provided by the VFW, were served.



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Eagle Ridge homeowners approach board for help

By: F.J. Soczek

Commenting during the regularly scheduled Oak Lawn Board meeting May 9th, 3rd District Trustee Robert Streit sternly castigated officials of Hartz Construction for what he described as "serious, public safety issues" involving the Eagle Ridge subdivision located at

107th and Central Ave.

The ongoing dispute between a handful of property owners dissatisfied with their new homes and a developer often characterized as "unresponsive" reached an explosive plateau after Hartz legal counsel John Murphey threatened a lawsuit in the event additional construction is curtailed by the Village.

At the previous Board meeting, the Trustees voted to withhold future building permits until a "punch list" of unfinished items has been completed.

Hartz attorney Murphey stated 3 of the 4 disputes have been resolved and questioned the legality of holding up the project because of a consumer dispute. In a letter to Village officials, Hartz

Community Liaison Elaine Pochiro cited a legal decision rendered in a suit between Amoco Oil v. Village of Schaumburg. Pochiro opined that, in effect, "the Village board has given to this group of homeowners veto authority over the Phase 6 construction." Murphey argued the remaining dispute between a single resident and Hartz is a private one that is properly resolved between the parties and not a topic for legislation by the Village Board.

In addition, the permit withholding, according to

Pochiro, "unlawfully impairs the rights and obligations of our prior written agreements with the Village."

"It is dangerous business to set up a 7 member arbitration panel for consumer disputes," Murphey argued.

Trustee Ron Stancik expressed his concern over what he termed the "public flogging" of Hartz officials during Village meetings. He urged the disputes be resolved via a little known municipal "consumer fraud" ordinance currently on the books. This means is "private and more effective than having a discussion every two weeks," Stancik suggested.

Trustee Streit stated he conducted a thorough investigation of the residential complaints. In one instance, he noted a sewer line had backed up, forcing raw sewerage into the home. The problem, occurring one month after the one year "warranty" had expired, was thought to be caused by a large nearby rock that had fallen upon the clay sanitary pipe.

Streit noted another situation involved a hastily repaired foundation crack that extended beneath the surface of the building. The "tuck pointed" remedy, would, in Streit's opinion ultimately lead to more severe damage.

Streit stated that Hartz

currently has 22 lawsuits pending and it least one from a community seeking to prevent the contractor from building in their municipality.

Board action on the issue was tabled indefinitely, despite threats of litigation by Hartz attorney Murphey. Trustee Wm. Keane was the sole dissenting vote, stating he felt the Board was on tenuous legal ground by withholding Hartz permits.

Once again, the issue of electrical power outages became the topic of discussion. Trustee Keane stated Commonwealth Edison spent at least two days repairing damage following a recent storm. Trustee Stancik reiterated the problem should be documented and presented during the ongoing meetings with the utility.

Trustee Ron Stancik suggested a "Wall of Fame" should be erected in the Village Hall to honor individuals who have distinguished themselves serving the Village.

Trustee Steve Rosenbaum noted he observed many people have not cut their lawns and urged notification of those not in compliance with the Village ordinance. He also announced a community meeting will be held Tuesday, May 30th at 7:30 p.m. at the Salem Church, 9717 S. Kostner.

Highlights from Bridgeview May 10th board meeting

by Jude Coyle

A public hearing concerning making the area between 87th Street, the Golf Dome, 77th Avenue and the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad into a special service area. The village is planning to resurface streets. Seventy-seventh Avenue will be reinforced with a 4 inch aggregate base, and 8 inches of concrete with wire mesh. This should allow many years of wear and tear due to heavy truck traffic. The total cost is expected to run \$375,000 and most of that will be the removal of the roadway. During construction, each road will be reduced to one way traffic. Work should be completed during July and August. The Village will purchase bonds to finance the project, which are to be paid off in seven years. Business and home owners will be accessed the cost of the bonds on their property taxes. The average condo owner should pay an extra \$175 to \$180 annually, where businesses like Track Auto will pay \$36,000 annually. Residents objecting to this have 60 days to gather signatures of 50% of the res-

idents and electors in the area on a petition.

Patrick J. Murphey, a real estate appraiser, addressed the board. He felt it unfair to access condo owners when the damage to the streets was caused by truck traffic coming in and out of the industrial areas. He expressed concern about the difficulty in selling a piece of property with an assessment against it. By law, Mayor Landek said, all parties affected by improvement, whether directly or indirectly, must share the cost. Because the condos are on the corner of 77th Avenue, they will be affected.

Mary Beth Narse owns apartment buildings on 78th Street across from Track Auto. She has complained many times about the potholes on 78th, and how the village fills them in with gravel. Then trucks drive over the gravel, they kick it onto her grass, tearing holes in the sod. According to Narse, trucks drive that road from 6 a.m. to midnight. She has a bill for \$1100 for sod and her tenants have had many flat tires. She was

promised help before when the village built the Dome, but has yet to see any. Mayor Landek promised to help her with sod when the present construction is finished. The public hearing ended at that point.

Ordinance #00-26 will change the building, construction and maintenance codes, by requiring property owners to enclose dumpsters. Trustees Pticek commented that he had never realized how many of the village's dumpsters were in a state of disrepair, or were such an eyesore. He mentioned a new business located in the parking lot of a mall, and how the dumpster is located in front. McDonalds, Taco Bell and White Castle each have enclosed dumpsters, and it looks good. After speaking with officials from Justice and Orland Park, Trustee Pticek recommended that the ordinance is laid out in steps, making commercial businesses the first to comply. This ordinance should be written allowing village officials to make acceptances, and issue tickets. Owners will be required to pay a \$25 permit fee.

Mayor Landek agreed, stating that he is concerned that the village has enough people and resources to make this work. Trustee Guidish suggested that the size of the containers should be considered, and that Waste Management should be consulted. Mr. Kendall spoke. He had been pushing this project for 3 or four years. He doesn't want to wait any longer. If a child should fall into a dumpster, no one would notice. Not only should all dumpsters be enclosed, but they should be covered. It was agreed at that point to deal with commercial properties and apartment buildings first, then with industrial, and residential last. The discussion was tabled until Attorney Vincent Cainkars could draw up the ordinance.

Trustee Norma Pinion announced that the Seniors will conduct a health fair on Friday May 26th between 9 am and noon at the Community Center. Also, officer Lopez will discuss crime prevention with the seniors at the May 17th Movie Day. That will take place at noon, at the Community Center.

Officer Ryan Rivera was awarded a ribbon for his work during the early morning hours of May 7th, when he spotted two empty vehicles with motors running.

On further investigation, he met a woman who reported

being sexually molested. The men involved took off. Officer Rivera traced the plates on their cars, and found their addresses. The men were arrested later and positively identified.

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—Eugene Delacroix

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By Nina Marshall
Chicago Lawn

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Through their lives, only hate they'd known.

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Dr. Steffen discusses children

by: Jude Coyle

At the ages of eight and up, a child begins to notice differences between himself and others. Does he measure up to his classmates or to his playmates? Most do, but then some don't. But then the unusual child emerges. He is an outsider. Living in a society that demands instant gratification, that same child is not willing to wait until such a time when what makes him special emerges. Maybe he becomes depressed, and maybe he has a history of depression. He becomes enraged. He feels the need to communicate, but can't. Sometimes, that same child will strike out in an excessive manner, hurting himself or others.

According to Dr. Clare E. Steffen, Clinical Psychologist, when a child is suffering from depression, he might detach himself from his normal activities, isolate himself from his family or peers, he might change his behavior, become increasingly agitated or suffer from somatic symptoms without a physical basis, such as stomach or headaches. He might also give away his most prized possessions. Noticing these red flags, Mom or Dad should seek outside help, i.e. a physician or therapist, or even a minister or priest. According to Dr. Steffen,

depending on the child, or the condition of the child, a parent might have to do this deceptively, as a forthright attempt might blow up in the parent's face.

Dr. Steffen counsels children and their families in her New Lenox office. She feels that children today are more apathetic, suffer more from depression and are not as hopeful as they used to be. She has noticed a definite increase in attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, as well as impulse control problems.

The question is, of course, why are children so different today? Dr. Steffen feels there are many contributing factors.

Besides an increase in attention deficit disorder, increases have also been noticed in asthma and respiratory problems. One has to ask if the environment has anything to do with this. Another cause for concern is diet. We eat more processed foods than ever before. The effect of food coloring and sugar on some children's behavior is well documented.

Dr. Steffen took our conversation one step further. What are we teaching our children? Today's society is much more permissive than ever before. We are a progressive society, and we deal with higher levels of stress

stress than ever. We are a highly additive society whether it is alcohol, drugs, sex, or shopping, we practice instant gratification. At the end of that cycle we send a message that impulsive behavior is okay.

Managed care programs have caused us to accept quick diagnosis over accurate diagnosis. A.D.D. has become a convenient slot for kids with behavioral problems.

The family unit is changing. 50% of first time marriages and 70% of second marriages are ending in divorce. This, coupled with a break down of our moral values and inconsistent discipline are taking a dramatic toll on the lives of our children. Kids without clear cut limits have more problems with self esteem, self worth and self image. No matter how much a child complains about limits, he really wants them. This is the way he knows that he is loved. Parents must be consistent, and must provide their children with a unified front. Asked about television programming, Dr. Steffen places responsibility into laps of parents to monitor their children viewing habits.

Spirituality, Dr. Steffen explained, leads to healthier families. She is reluctant to

recommend one religion over another, but in lieu of an organized faith, she believes that a belief system, a grounding of moral values, can also make a difference.

Dr. Clare Steffen has written a book called Dancing Through the Darkness: the Cognitive Treatment of Shame. It is available in paperback at Borders, Barnes and Noble, Barnesandnoble.com and Amazon.com. She is located at 321 W. Maple, Suite 203, New Lenox, IL 60451. Phone: 815-463-1823. Web site: Drwellness.Net.

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Karr further expressed his concern over the legalities of an "independent" museum board conflicting with the local taxing authority; "Why can't the Park District run the show?"

In her proposal abstract, Carol Marsh noted the "Oak Lawn Park District Board had envisioned (the concept of a Children's Museum) over 10 years ago."

"The Board's funds are stressed to the limit," Marsh explained. "Park District control would be like a lead balloon...it would never get off the ground...."

Park District Commissioner Dave Heilmann succinctly summarized Marsh's proposal: "I'll do the work. I'll raise the funds. All I need is a space."

Explaining his vote in favor of the project, Heilmann declared, "This is the easiest decision I have made." Responding to the concerns over the relative scale of the endeavor, Heilmann replied, "If it grows, deal with it then."

Marsh explained funding would be accomplished by corporate sponsorship, public grants and private donations. A fourteen member Founding Board of Directors would be made up of representatives of the community in the fields of education and commerce, along with the essential combined cooperation of the Park District and the Village Board.

The projected opening is scheduled for early Fall, 2001.

Oak Lawn touts Children's Museum

By: F.J. Soczek

Despite unrelenting opposition by a solitary Park District board member, Oak Lawn resident Carol Marsh received approval for the use of the district-owned building at 9610 E. Lake Shore Drive for a future children's museum.

Marsh, an educator and mother of a four year old son, initially presented her comprehensive proposal for a non-for-profit museum to the Board in April of this year. Having studied many of the successful children's museums throughout the United States, Marsh hopes to combine play and learning in an interactive, "hands-on" environment.

Several years ago, the Board voted down a similar proposal for a children's museum that would be housed in the historic, fire

damaged Cook School.

Marsh feels the currently unused building on East Lake Shore is an ideal place to begin the quest she described as "near and dear to my heart." With the gradual return of the displaced wildlife and restoration of native plants, the newly completed Oak Lawn Lake area will complement and enhance the learning experience.

Marsh will be the first to acknowledge the 9610 building is smaller than she had hoped for. Park Board Commissioner Paul Karr derisively criticized the size of the structure numerous times during his intense argument opposing the plan.

"Who's going to pay \$3:00 (the possible admission charge) to visit a garage," Karr sneered. Undaunted, Marsh sees beyond the possible

physical limitations and plans to focus on the quality of the exhibits and activities.

Her vision is "to start small, grow large."

Apparently oblivious to the logical inconsistencies of his argument, Commissioner Karr appealed to the emotions of nearby residents with an inciteful scenario of "busloads of outsiders" converging upon the neighborhood, littering the streets with garbage and causing "traffic problems."

Again, Karr supported his fitful syllogism with the incongruous argument that the "location is difficult to find" and providing directions would be "a little involved."

Karr's discordant portrayal was soundly discounted as several residents expressed their approval and encouragement of the project.

"I love it," exclaimed nearby resident Madeleine Griffin, "I absolutely love it...if you tear down the idea, it will be dreadful."

National security alarm sounded by American Legion

Citing the dramatic decline in America's armed services, the board of directors of the 2.8 million-member American Legion yesterday approved the launching of a national security awareness campaign. The campaign will focus on alerting the voting public about the potentially catastrophic results the U.S. will face from a weakened national defense.

"America is facing a se-

curity crisis, and most Americans do not even know it," said Alan G. Lance, Sr., national commander. "As Americans we must leave here today with renewed dedication to getting the word out on the need to strengthen our national defense. We must urge our fellow citizens to consider this subject when they cast their votes on November 7."

The commander stressed

that although The American Legion is a non-partisan organization, the issue of protecting the country transcends all political boundaries.

"This is not a partisan issue," he said. "It is an American issue."

Statistics that have spurred The American Legion into action include the following figures:

* Nearly 20 percent of the

total armed forces are deployed to some 134 overseas countries. The National Guard, which is normally used in stateside contingencies, today has a presence in more than 35 countries - with troops provided from 44 different states.

* In 1987, there were 2.1 million uniformed U.S. military members. Now, that number is less than 1.4 million with a 300 percent increase in military deployments around the world.

* The United States in this year's defense budget is spending as much on defense as a percentage of its Gross Domestic Product as it was

spending on defense prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Our country is on borrowed time," Lance said. "The only way to restore our military to the readiness levels we have enjoyed in years past is to vote for those candidates who understand what kind of a fighting force our country needs to protect our interests, both within our borders and beyond."

With nearly 15,000 posts, The American Legion is the nation's largest veterans organization.

Oak Lawn Garden Club meeting

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will meet on Thursday, May 25th at 9:15 A.M. at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., Room 9. The program will be a Plant Exchange. Hostesses will be: Betty Von Holst, Pauline Leyerle, and Paula Smart.

The Chicago Firehouse unveils outdoor dining early July

significant problem.

"Illinois law already addresses penalties for taverns or liquor stores who sell alcohol to minors. With this legislation, we are telling adults who otherwise provide alcohol to persons younger than 18 that they could face civil penalties if someone is in an accident or killed as a result of the minors drinking that alcohol," O'Malley said. "I am looking forward to working with the House sponsors - Representatives Tom Dart, Patricia Lindner and Anne Zickus - to see this initiative enacted into law."

"A significant piece of Chicago history as well as the new Chicago tradition of classic American cuisine," at 1401 S. Michigan Avenue, will introduce an exquisite outdoor 1600 sq ft courtyard, with seating for 75 guests in early July. The outdoor patio will be enclosed by elaborate pillars and trees acting as a canopy. Beautifully planted flower beds and a delightful water fountain allow for an enticing getaway from the everyday bustle of South Loop, Chicago's newly revitalized business and

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O'Malley bill targeting underage drinking

Adults who illegally serve alcohol to teens younger than 18 could be held civilly liable if someone is hurt or killed as a result, under legislation that will be sponsored by State Sen. Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) to target underage drinking.

An initiative of the Illinois State Crime Commission,

the legislation would make adults civilly liable for damages for death and injury resulting from the alcohol impairment of teenagers younger than 18 who have been served alcohol by those adults.

"As a member of the Illinois State Crime Commission, I wholeheartedly support its efforts to

target underage drinking, especially as spring brings prom parties and graduation celebrations," O'Malley said. "The invincibility of youth combined with the false bravado alcohol can inspire is a very dangerous combination."

The 18th District Senator says a recent survey found that a majority of Americans view underage drinking as a

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Village View memorializes a servant of the people for the people

by Annette Dixon

"Bud" Meyer resident of Oak Lawn for 77 years passed away April 16th, at Christ Hospital. This memorial is dedicated to a man who accomplished much in his life; it is for all the hours, days and years he spent giving to his community and importantly the people within the community in which he so proudly lived.

Recently, I had the privilege of playing bridge with Bud at the Oak Lawn Senior Center and being his partner. To me this was an important moment, for he was a great bridge player and for many years I would comment about playing bridge someday.

His returned comment was "when you become a senior, just come into the center and play bridge." Well the Senior Center lowered the age of acceptance into the senior group, so whenever I'm available I attend on a Wednesday.

On April 5th and 12th, I played bridge with Bud. It was an honor to be his partner. I didn't know how much until he opened with 5 diamonds. As his partner with three points in her hand I passed. When I laid down my hand he looked laughed and tried for his five diamonds. He missed by one!

I knew he was sick for he confided in me earlier that day that he was getting worst and couldn't breathe at night and told me it will be real soon. I didn't give him my usual, "oh you'll be fine", for I knew that he knew something, and wanted to say his good-bye. I am happy that I told him that I really enjoyed playing bridge with him. We laughed alot and had fun that day.

Bud and I go back to 1974, when I ran for trustee in Oak Lawn and Bud was politically involved with the Democratic Party. I also remember Bud helping John McNamara when he ran for

State Representative in 1985.

Bud was knowledgeable about all government, Federal, County, State and Local. He was not only knowledgeable, but an educator for the seniors about issues pertinent to them! He was a great activist by bringing busloads of seniors to Springfield to fight for or against a passage. Bud was never without a petition, presenting ideas and comments to the past and present elected officials.

nie Meyer, Bud's wife stated, "Bud was a strong man," she was referring to his physical strength, but we all knew Bud was a strong willed man and the proof was in the pudding.

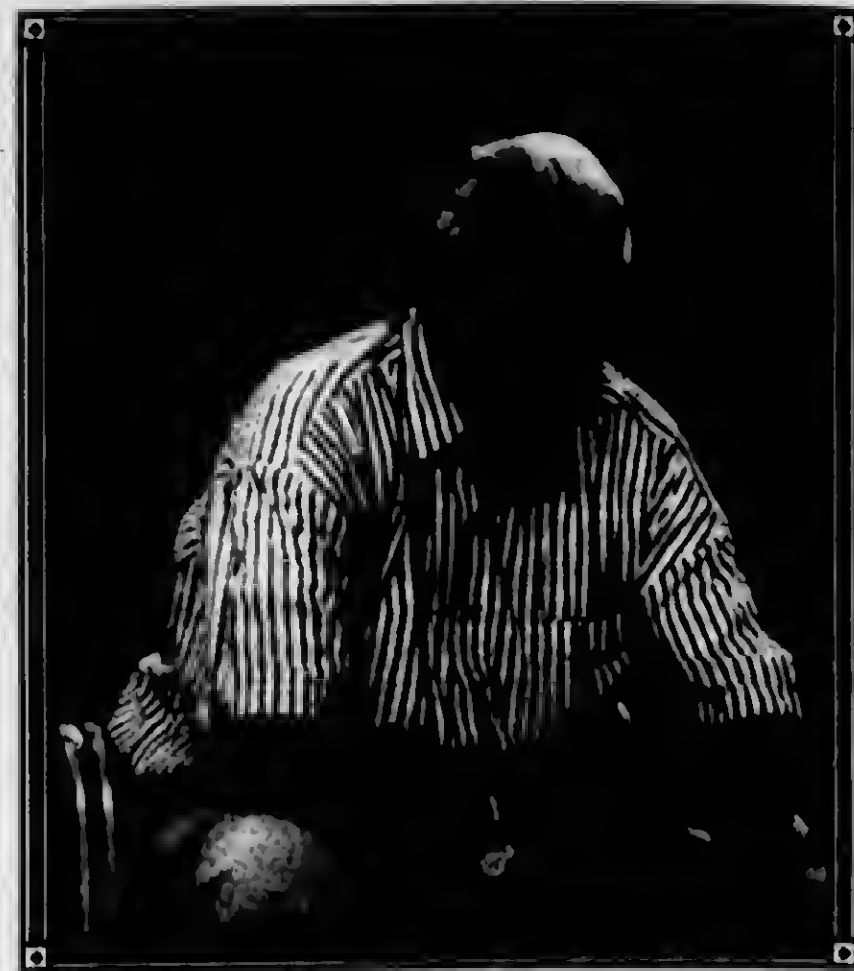
In 1965, he had to give up his Oak Lawn Real Estate Business because he had a brain tumor and was told he didn't have much time to live. In 1990, he contacted a serious decease and was then given a death sentence again by the doctors. God wanted him to serve the people and that he did for many years after his retirement from Inland Steel.

The first involvement for both Bud and Genie was in the civic association for Longwood Garden in Oak Lawn. They petitioned for the Chicago Transit Authority to make their final stop at I03rd and Pulaski Rd. in the pocket.

After retiring from Inland

Steel and his own Real Estate Company, Bud became involved with the Oak Lawn Planning Commission and Planning and Development Board. He spent 26 years as a member of the Oak Lawn Senior Council and was president for many years. He was a charter member of A.A.R.P. (Oak Lawn Chapter) and a charter member of Oak Lawn Historical Society. He was a 30 year Commissioner of Oak Lawn and held the Chairman position for sometime. He was the facility chairman of the G.O.L.D. Club and a member of Little Company of Mary Senior Advisory Board. He was the legislative Chairman of the Cook County Collectors and was elected for 4 terms as Worth Township Collector starting in 1985. He was also appointed Township of Worth Coordinator of Senior & Handicapped Services.

In his lifetime, Bud has had many accomplishments. He drew up plans and was instrumental in the development of the Oak Lawn Senior Citizen Center. He Originated Medical I.D. bracelets for all senior and handicapped people living in 12 towns as well as incorporated areas of Worth Township. He started a surplus food distribution which now has 2,000 people registered for monthly food distribution. He was most recently involved with legisla-



tion to restore collection of taxes to Township Collectors.

Genie, his wife still remains active with the seniors at both Oak Lawn and Worth Township. Continuing on with what

Bud would have wanted her to do. His children Randy, Marianne and Ronnie along with two grandchildren and two great grandchildren will sorely miss him.

Palos Heights city attorney dies

Warren Swanson died suddenly. Mr. Swanson served as the city attorney for Palos Height since 1960.

When called upon, he was very cooperative with Village View reporter, Carlene O'Connor.

The staff at Village View Newspaper extends their sympathy to his family, friends and associates.

One man that has a mind and knows it can always beat ten men who haven't and don't.
—George Bernard Shaw

Former state Rep. Jane Barnes is buried today

by Annette Dixon

Formerly of Oak Lawn, Jane Barnes, former state Representative of Oak Lawn died Thursday. She was the first Republican women to become state Representative in our district. I believe there were two women elected to the house when she held office in 1975. It was when we were represented by two Republicans and one Democrat. Her fellow members from this area were Harry "Bus" Yourell (D), Herbert Huskey (R).

She served from 1975 until 1993. She moved to Palos and ran for state Representative in that area.

In the 60's I became acquainted with Jane for she was the Congressional Area Republican Chairperson for the Richard Nixon campaign for President. That was the year he became President.

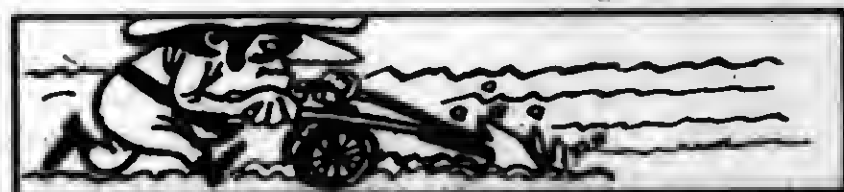
Living in Chicago, and only a few Republicans in the 18th Ward, I volunteered in the campaign headquarters for Jane Barnes.

In 1970, when moving to Oak Lawn, I couldn't help but to get involved in politics, for my next door neighbor was Ms. Watson, Jane Barnes's husband's aunt. Of course, I was well liked by Ms. Watson for I was not a democrat. I joined the Republican Woman's organization and it's all

history from there. There was only one son of Jane's whom I had met, his name is Bruce Barnes. He was his mother protegee'. I have often said to Jane, "with Bruce as your campaign manager, how could you lose. And of course she never did lose an election."

Barney died last year and her only daughter, Denise, passed away many years ago. Remaining are her three sons, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

I extend my sympathy and condolence to the entire family.



It has been estimated that only about 21 percent of the world's land surface is cultivatable and only 7.6 percent is actually under cultivation.



During the Siege of Paris in 1871, mail was sent out of the city by balloon.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By Kathy Whirity

Mottos for Motivation

It seems that in this day and age, wherever you look, there are upbeat, motivational gimmicks for every trial and tribulation. There is a motto out there for just about everything, and if you find one that works for you, you can accomplish anything from dieting, to quitting smoking, to managing your life more efficiently.

The other day I came across a cute little shop called 'Aunt Mary's Angels', and since my hobby is collecting angels. I was in heaven to find this cherub of a store. I have to admit my home is filled with bits and pieces of unsightful quips, so when I came across an angel with the message (*nothing tastes as good as how it feels to be thin*), I immediately added it



to my basket of angelic treasures, since my quest to be lighter in girth is a constant thought. I don't know if the message will help curb my appetite, but each time I go for the frig door, I'll at least be reminded that thin is what I really want to be.

Dealing with children, I sometimes find myself at the end of my rope, to which there is a positive adage that tells us when we reach that destination to tie a knot and hang on! On one particular day, toddler's tantrums and complete anarchy had overwhelmed my patience, leaving me totally frustrated. And then, as if the good Lord overheard my concerns, yet another symbolic annotation was sent my

way. Flipping through a catalog I came across a cute angel figurine with the letters WWJD printed across the front. Having no idea what this meant, and being curious about it, I read the caption to find out the four letters stood for the sentiment - What Would Jesus Do?

The jockey who won the most Kentucky Derbies is Eddie Arcaro with five victories.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Choosing a piece of designer jewelry is an investment you will wear for years to come. To ensure that your jewelry is an authentic designer piece, look for the International Jewelry Design Guild logo at jewelry stores.

A new series of workbooks and readers, called Jump Start, may help parents get a jump on things when it comes to engaging and motivating children to learn. For more information, visit Scholastic at www.scholastic.com.

Office of Citizens' Services

OCS art class

The Evergreen Park Office of Citizens' Services Art Class students and the instructor, Ruth Rodgers, have decided to continue with the class throughout the summer. The class, which is held every Tuesday (9:00-11:00 a.m.), offers artistic self-expression. Class size is small, enabling the teacher to give almost one-on-one instruction. Registration is on-going. Fee: \$15 (resident) /\$18 (non-residents).

To register, stop by the Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 West 97th Street. For more information on this class or other OCS Programs that are available, phone 708-422-8776.

OCS annual blood drive

The Office of Citizens' Services will sponsor their Annual Blood Drive at the H. B. Maher Community Center on Saturday, June 24 (8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.) Please consider donating blood. For your convenience, phone 708-422-8776 to make an appointment.

Community Blood Drives provide free blood transfusions to Village residents. To continue the Community Blood Replacement Program, we need your help.

One man with courage
makes a majority.
—Andrew Jackson

Fifty-five alive

For the convenience of daytime workers (50 years or over) an evening course of Fifty-Five Alive—the Defensive Driving Program sponsored by AARP—is being offered Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (June 6, 7, and 8) 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the H. B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th., Evergreen Park.

Reservations are necessary. Registration is being taken at the Office of Citizens' Services, or, if you prefer, you may register by mail, sending a check in the amount of \$10 (made payable to AARP) to the above address. Some insurance carriers give their clients a discount on their auto insurance premium for attending these classes.

For further information, phone Office of Citizens Services - 708-422-8776.

Just to say "Thank you"

"Thank you!" from the Office of Citizens' Services to the Volunteer Income Tax Counselors. Service was provided to approximately 500 Evergreen Park senior residents.

The following dedicated Volunteers willingly and capably have provided this service for years: Madeline Cassi—14 yrs., Earl Hanisch—12 yrs., Francis Hartnett—1 yr., Richard Lynch—6 yrs., Al McElroy—9 yrs., and Harry O'Sullivan—4 yrs.

If you would like to be a volunteer income tax counselor, please phone Phyllis Paxton at OCS 708-422-8776.

Free concert in the park

Come Experience Ravinia in Evergreen Park!!!

Free concert to be held at Klein Park, 97th & Homan

Bring your blanket or your lawn chairs and be ready to relax and listen to some good music!!

The Southwest Community band directed by Leo Henning.

Leo Henning has played many musical engagements with every top name entertainer who has traveled thru the Chicagoland area. Renowned and respected as a musician, Leo played for and directed the Lew Breese - Leo Henning orchestra. Today Leo directs not only the Southwest Community band but he also leads the bands at Brother Rice and St. Laurence High Schools.

The Southwest Community band will play at Klein Park, 97th & Homan on Sunday, June 11th 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

Any Questions call the Evergreen Park Recreation Department, 3450 W. 97th Street, at (708) 229-3373.

Red, White & Blue and Flower Sale, Too

The Oak Lawn Park District will start its "14 Weeks of Summer Fun" at its annual Memorial Day celebration - *Red, White & Blue and Flower Sale, Too* - held Monday, May 29, at Memorial Park, 102nd Street and Major Avenue in Oak Lawn "Activities are scheduled for all ages from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m."

"We'd like to welcome area families to our summer kick-off," says Julie Ryan, superintendent of recreation. "We have a great summer planned here in Oak Lawn, and our Memorial Day celebration will get us started out right."

The celebration centers around three special events: a salute to the area's war veterans at 11 a.m.; a flower sale featuring gardening tips and flats of peonies, pansies, petunias and more from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.; and - new this year - a sporty spring-cleaning sale, where individuals can sell or exchange sporting goods they no longer use, also from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Registration is required for the spring-cleaning sale at \$1 per table. Any unsold/unexchanged items can be donated to the park district at the end of the event.

"Our flower sale is the perfect opportunity to purchase and plan gardens, and our spring cleaning sale will help clean out closets."

Ryan says. "We've included our traditional salute to veterans and great entertainment - all wrapped up in time for families to enjoy a Memorial-Day cookout at home in the late afternoon." The complete schedule of events is:

- Oak Lawn Parks Foundation Hooked-on-Fishing International Fishing Derby, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Kids fish in one-to two-hour blocks at Memorial Pond. Prizes will be awarded in various categories for special fish caught. Registration is at the event.

- Salute to Veterans, 11 a.m.

- Peg Lehman, 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Children's folk singer.

- Annual Flower Sale & New Sporty Spring Cleaning, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Kids' Springtime Crafts & Games, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- Ladybug Mini-Festival, Noon Free ladybugs for gardens given out while supplies last.

- Open Swim, Noon - 3 p.m. Weather permitting for \$1 per person.

- Mark Fechner Jazz Experience, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Free outdoor concert.

For more information, call the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2200.

Texas-born president Lyndon Johnson inspired a boom in the popularity of cowboy hats.

Mother McAuley hosts students

Three Mother McAuley High School students, Christy Ramos, Katie Farrell and Anne Walaszek, were hosts to three junior students from Mercy High School in San Francisco, California. The California students were here as part of their school's "Learning Outside of the Classroom" which is a one week intersession program. Students were offered a variety of experiences which included visiting other schools throughout the country or staying home and participating in daily field trips. Michele Whitehead, Assistant Principal, organized the exchange with the California school. The Mercy High School students were greeted by Mary Clare Lynch, Service Director at McAuley, who arranged daily activities for the visiting students.

On Monday, students worked with a children's shelter, Columbus Maryville, then spent Tuesday and Wednesday attending classes at Mother McAuley. Since Mercy High School has 575 students, the visitors were overwhelmed with the 1,960

Mother McAuley spring concert

The Orchestra and Advanced Chorus of the Mother McAuley High School Music Department will perform a spring concert on Sunday, May 21. The concert is being held at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at 3737 W. 99th Street, Chicago.

The Orchestra, directed by Phyllis Karge, will play the *Finale* from Beethoven's fifth symphony, *Fame, Kitchen Percussion March* and Glenn Miller's *Moonlight Serenade*. Senior Sarah Powers (Evergreen Park) will be the featured violin soloist in Hadyn's *Concerto in G*.

The Advanced Chorus, under the direction of Sister Ellen Marie Ryan, R.S.M., will sing *Ave Verum* by Mozart, *Mission Bells* by Clokey, *Pueri Hebraeorum*

by Thompson, and selections with a California theme. Included in their presentation is *Some Days You Gotta Dance* with soloists Andrea Prestinario (Palos Heights) and Katie Quick (Evergreen Park) and specialty dancers Sharita Towner (Evergreen Park), Tiffany Silva (Oak Lawn), Maureen Ritchie (Chgo.-Mt. Greenwood), Lisa Chmiel (Oak Lawn), Lisa Siedlecki (Chgo.-Garfield Ridge), Eileen Dulce (Burbank), Emily Mitsdarffer (Blue Island), Cindy Bisonaya (Oak Lawn), Katie Rabbitt (Chgo.-Mt. Greenwood), and Petrina Peters (Chgo.-Washington Heights). *The Power of One* will feature soloists Alexis Oddson (Richton Park) and Icey Tarver (Chgo.-New

City). Soloist Amy Kobel (Evergreen Park) with ensemble Lauren Traut (Evergreen Park), Eileen McNulty (Chgo.-Beverly), Sheila Keane (Chgo.-West Lawn), Kate Gory (Oak Lawn), Sheresa Uher (Worth), Dana Pointer (Chgo.-Auburn Gresham), Kristy Allen (Chgo.-Auburn Gresham) and Kelly Kolton (Evergreen Park) will perform *San Francisco, Be Sure to Wear a Flower in Your Hair*. *California Girls* will feature Beth Kintz (Chgo.-Beverly) and Erin Toomey (Hickory Hills).

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for senior citizens and children under 12.

If you could straighten out an average spider web, some could span more than 300 miles long.

students at McAuley. Their school is on block scheduling of 85 minute periods, so they were surprised how quickly McAuley's 45 minute classes went.

The McAuley host students are members of the Advanced Chorus and traveled to California from April 8-12, 2000. There they performed at Mercy High School in Burlingame, Mercy High School in San Francisco and toured San Francisco, Carmel and Monterey. They looked forward to renewing their friendships at that time.

Actress Jean Harlow apparently named her dog "Oscar" so she could say had one.

Burbank Park District

Join the Burbank Park District on Sat. May 20th as they wander along the canals and enjoy the beautiful gardens and experience life in a small dutch town across the sea, in Holland, Michigan.

Lunch and dinner are included with your \$62 fee.

The Burbank Park District will have Early Bird Registration for all water park programs for Burbank Residents Only on May 11th and 12th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm and on May 13th from 9:00 am until noon.

Burbank Park District will be holding its annual dance recital "Celebrating the Millennium Around the World" on Friday, May 12th. The show time are 6:30 pm for Thursday Dance Student and 8:30 pm for Monday's Dance Students. Tickets can be purchased at Moraine Valley Box Office by calling 708-974-5500. The recital will take place at the Moraine Valley Community College Fine & Performing Arts Center. Please call 708-599-2070 for information all the above programs.

Editor

More than a year of work to rein in the abuses of the payday loan industry has resulted in a new law. On May 6, the Governor signed Senate Bill 355, which I sponsored along with House Speaker Mike Madigan. The new law authorizes and directs the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) to use rule-making authority to protect consumer interests.

The lack of this kind of rule-making authority has hamstrung Illinois' ability to regulate these new types of businesses that are growing rapidly in our state. Senate Bill 355 is the culmination of substantial legislative efforts during the recent session that have been frustrated by partisan interests and lobbying pressure.

Partisan politics in the Senate was most evident the day Senator Emil Jones refused to support my original legislation (Senate Bill 1275), a comprehensive and effective bill supported by AARP, the Catholic Conference, Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan and DFI, among others. Because it is an election year, Senator Jones did not want me to receive any credit for addressing an important challenge confronting our region. Emil Jones killed the bill on the Senate floor by telling the Democrat Senators to withhold support for the bill.

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including two members of his caucus who had supported the bill in committee. The bill needed 30 votes to pass - it received 25, with only a handful of Democrats voting for it. Nearly two-thirds of the Senate Republican caucus supported it.

Shame on you Senator Jones for engineering the defeat of responsible public policy that would have protected consumer interest - in fact, the interests of your own constituents. It should make your constituents wonder why you sold them out.

In the meantime, rather than allow our legislative efforts to be frustrated, I worked with members of the House and the Senate to craft Senate Bill 355. Having run out of excuses and now embarrassed in our Southwestern community for his irresponsible behavior, even Senator Jones voted for Senate Bill 355.

The good news is that consumer interests have prevailed over partisanship and payday loan industry lobbyists. I have already encouraged AARP, the Catholic Conference, Msgr. John Egan, local municipal officials, and others to contact DFI with their suggestions for rule-making. Other who are interested should write to Sarah Vega, Director of DFI, 500 Iles Park Place, Suite 510, Springfield, IL 62718, State Senator, 18th District

Theatre Auditions

Auditions for the musical *Anything Goes* will be held at Lewis University's Philip Lynch Theatre on May 23 and 24 at 7:00 p.m. for performers 16 years and older. All those auditioning will be asked to perform 16 bars from an upbeat song.

Accompaniment will be provided. Bring music and wear comfortable clothes suitable for a dance audition. Call backs will be held on Thursday, May 25. Performance dates will be July 21 - 23 and July 27 - 30. Call (815) 836-5409 for more details.

Military

Army National Guard Pvt. Carlos Santa Maria has arrived at Fort Benning, Columbus, GA., to complete basic military training.

During the training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Santa Maria is the son of Sam and Olga Santa Maria of 5217 W. 79th St., Burbank, Ill.

He is a 1997 high school graduate of Daley College, Chicago.

Summer on Stage at Navy Pier

CHICAGO - In addition to the 2000-2001 Season offerings at Chicago Shakespeare Theater, plans were announced today to turn the Theater's "off-season" ON for summer visitors to Navy Pier. "Summer on Stage at Navy Pier" will light up Chicago Shakespeare Theater for nine weeks from June 21 through August 20, 2000, bringing three exciting theatrical productions to adults, children and families visiting Navy Pier - Chicago's most popular tourist destination, attracting nearly six million visitors during the summer months.

Chicago Shakespeare Theater will bring back its Inaugural Season's popular *Short Shakespeare!* *Romeo and Juliet*, directed by Kim Rubinstein, which played to more than 50,000 audience members this spring. The Chicago Sun-Times called this production "...beautifully conveyed...searing with passion." With its inclusion in the "Summer on Stage at Navy Pier" lineup, visitors to Navy Pier can see this 75-minute, action-packed production performed in Chicago Shakespeare Theater's 525-seat, courtyard-style theater from June 29 through August 20. Performances are Thursdays through Sundays at

11:00 a.m. Tickets to *Short Shakespeare!* are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children, ages 12 and under. A 15-minute discussion with cast members follows each performance.

"Summer on Stage at Navy Pier" also brings *Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire's* much-acclaimed production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, directed by Kenny Ingram, to Chicago Shakespeare's courtyard-style theater. Richard Christiansen of the *Chicago Tribune* hailed this production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical as "a pop dream of a show!" Dean Richards of WGN exclaimed, "It doesn't matter how many times you've seen this show. Go-go-go see *Joseph!*" The production opens Wednesday, June 21 with performances through August 20 as follows: Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 7:00 p.m., Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Audiences at the Wednesday and Saturday shows are invited to enjoy Navy Pier's Spectacular evening fireworks displays from the comfort of the Theater's lobbies. Tickets are \$38 for adults, \$28 for children, ages 12 and under. Discounts are available to groups of 30 or more.

The Second City production of *Hamlet!* The Musical will complete the

"Summer on Stage at Navy Pier" lineup in the Chicago Shakespeare Studio on the sixth floor. Written by Jeff Richmond and Michael Thomas, the comedic reworking of Shakespeare's play incorporates pop culture and original '60s-style show tunes. Albert Williams of the *Reader* says it "...offers a series of clever, surprising variations on the original story, building to the upbeat ending implied by the title's exclamation point and proving that there is nothing like a Dane." *Hamlet! The Musical* begins performances on Thursday, June 22 and runs through August 20. Performances are Thursdays at 8:00 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—The Book of Ruth Creative Bible Study Guide is available for \$3.95 from the American Bible Society (ABS) at 1-800-32-Bible, reference code #107094.

Win a chance to be in the next L'Oréal Kids advertisement. Entry forms and complete official rules are available from April through mid-June at participating L'Oréal Kids retailers, at www.lorealkids.com or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: L'Oréal Kids Entry & Rules Request, P.O. Box 655, Sayreville, NJ 08871-0655. Entries must be postmarked 6/15/00 and received by 6/22/00.

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Pictured from left to right: Maria Herald Staff - Front Row: Mary Heenan (Gage Park) Erin McKechnie (Berwyn) and Emily Mudd (West Lawn). Back Row: Stephanie Sanchez (Pilsen), Sofia Flores (Pilsen), Crystal Calderon (West Lawn) and Gillian Cowan (Bridgeport).

Maria journalism students - Write on top

Maria High School students were honored at the Scholastic Press Association of Chicago's Annual Conference on March 10, held at Roosevelt University. The Maria Herald and editors received the Excellent Overall Newspaper Award and Excellent in Overall Layout

Award. Also, in the Excellent category, winners included: Sofia Flores '00 (Pilsen), Second Place in News Writing; Emily Mudd '00 (West Lawn), Superior Achievement in Sports Feature Story and in Sports News Story; Stephanie Sanchez '02 (Pilsen), Superior Achieve-

ment in Original Artwork and Tiera Robinson '00 (Englewood), Excellent Achievement in Community Story. The Maria Herald is a publication, under the guidance of Mrs. Fran Tenbroeck, put together by the Journalism students at Maria High School.

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Walking club of Oak lawn

The Wewalkits Walking Club of Oak Lawn, Illinois (AVA sanctioned) is sponsoring a 10k walk in the Beverly/Morgan Park area on Sunday, June 11, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., meeting at 1908 West 103rd Street. For further information please call 1-708-425-0211.

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ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE THEATER CONCLUDES RECORD-BREAKING INAUGURAL SEASON WITH APTLY TITLED PRODUCTION

CHICAGO—March 22, 2000—Chicago Shakespeare Theater's first five months on Navy Pier have, by all accounts been remarkable. *Antony and Cleopatra* proved a record-breaking success for 1999, selling more tickets for its limited three-month run on Navy Pier than any other show in the Shakespeare company's thirteen-year history. A *Midsummer Night's Dream*, extended twice to accommodate ticket demand, was lauded by audiences of all ages. The Theater's subscriber base has increased by 10,000 patrons since last year, from 7,000 to nearly 17,000. Ground-breaking programming included an all-male cast of *Romeo and Juliet*, as well as an evening of prose and blues with singer Keb' Mo'.

Executive Director Criss Henderson summarizes the phenomenon with pride: "Audience, actors, staff, media and our friends and supporters can all look back at

the opening of Chicago Shakespeare and see history in the making in a procession of spectacular firsts. This remarkable beginning now launches into the twenty-first century the work of this Theater and Shakespeare's legacy."

It is by coincidence only that the Inaugural Season's concluding production, *All's Well That Ends Well*, is so fittingly and reflectively titled. "I don't try to make everything fit thematically. I do what I instinctively feel is right," explains Barbara Gaines, Artistic Director and Director of *All's Well That Ends Well*.

She continues, "This play intrigues me because it's about the age-old conflict between the older and younger generations. Everybody is full of faults and virtues. 'Life is a mingled yam. Good and bad together,' Shakespeare says in the text. That's one of the reasons I like this play. But the greatest power

in it for me is the Helena-Bertram story, so poignantly demonstrating that you cannot force someone to love you. Love has to be freely given—which is not the case in this play."

The sparse and elegant mid-Victorian set design for *All's Well That Ends Well* is created by Michael Philippi; costumes are designed by Michael Krass, the Jeff-nominated designer who also costumed Chicago Shakespeare's 1996 *Hamlet*. Original music is by Jeff Award-winning composer Alaric Jans, and The Elizabeth F. Cheney Foundation is the sponsor of the original music for *All's Well That Ends Well*; choreography is by Harrison McEldowney. Lighting is designed by Bob Christen and sound by Kurt Kellenberger.

Appearing in *All's Well That Ends Well* will be Timothy Gregory as Bertram and Lia D. Mortensen as Helena. Patrick Clear ap-

pears as King of France, Ron Keaton appears as Clown, Linda Kimbrough as Countess, and Larry Yando as Parolees. Ian Brennan appears as Messenger, Ian Christopher as First Lord, Nick Fletcher as Second Lord, Alyson Green as Diana, James Harms as Lafew, and Jacqueline Jones as Widow. Timothy Kane appears as Interpreter/Duke of Florence, Amy E. Lewis as Violenta, Joanna MacLay as Madame Lafew, Doran Schrantz as Mariana, and Jay Whittaker appears as Gentleman, Chris Bowling, Nick Letniger, Amy Ludwigsen, Tiago Velho and Barbara Zhora make up the Ensemble.

All's Well That Ends Well tells the tale of Bertram and Helena; the former, an arrogant young Count; the latter, his new discarded bride. Helena, of lower social stature than Bertram, secures him as a husband by curing the ailing king, who then grants his healer one wish. Enraged by the match, Bertram steals away to Italy with his ne'er-do-well friend, Parolees, and gives Helena this challenge; he will accept her as his wife only if she can procure the ring he always wears and bear his child though they shall never share a bed. Helena outwits her husband with the help of Diana, Bertram's current lust object.

All's Well That Ends Well begins previews on April 20, 2000 and runs through June 11, 2000. The Press Opening will be on Sunday, April 30 at 5:00 p.m. Tickets for the production are \$23 for previews, and range from \$28 to \$42 during the run. For more information on ticket availability and show times, or to purchase tickets, please call the Chicago Shakespeare Theater Box Office at (312) 595-5600. *All's Well That Ends Well* is sponsored by Babson Holdings, Inc., Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, and The John Nuveen Company; and is supported, in part, by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Additional programs at Chicago Shakespeare Theater include "Speaking of Shakespeare," with the esteemed British stage and film actor, Sir Derek Jacobi, on

Monday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. "Open Forum" on Saturday, May 6 at 2:00 p.m. explores *All's Well That Ends Well* with guest scholars and Artistic Director Barbara Gaines in an informal discussion. Post-show discussions follow all Wednesday matinees and the 3:00 p.m. matinee on Sunday, May 7. "Pre-Amble," a guided stroll into the world of the play, led by scholar Beth Charlebois, takes place on Friday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m., prior to the 8:00 p.m. curtain. "After Words," with scholar Gina Buccola, takes place after the evening performance on Thursday, May 25. "Cast Call," an informal discussion with the actors in the Theater's Pub, is Tuesday, May 30 at 6:00 p.m. Please call the Chicago Shakespeare Theater Box Office at (312) 595-5600 for further information.

ABOUT CHICAGO SHAKESPEARE THEATER Chicago Shakespeare Theater is Chicago's only professional theater dedicated to the works of William Shakespeare. Since its found-

ing as Shakespeare Repertory by Artistic Director Barbara Gaines, the company has become Chicago's third-largest nonprofit producing theater, behind only the Goodman and Steppenwolf Theatres. After a modest beginning on the outdoor terrace of the Red Lion Pub in Lincoln Park in 1986, the company moved in 1987 to its home of the 12 seasons—the Ruth Page Theater on Chicago's Gold Coast. The company's tremendous success during these years led to the development of Chicago Shakespeare Theater, a new state-of-the-art complex on Navy Pier. Chicago Shakespeare Theater now reaches an audience of more than 120,000 theater-goers yearly. Team Shakespeare, the Theater's education program, shares Shakespeare's works with more than 50,000 secondary and middle school students, and provides resource and learning materials to educators nationwide.



Parolees (Larry Yando) and Bertram (Timothy Gregory) are unmoved by Helena's (Lia Mortensen) longing for her new husband in *All's Well That Ends Well*, playing at Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier, April 20 - June 11, 2000. For further information or to buy tickets, please contact the Box Office at 312.595.5600. Photo Credit Liz Lauren.

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The auditorium theatre council welcomes The Bolshoi Ballet

The Auditorium Theatre Council, in association with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and David Eden Productions, Ltd., is pleased to announce that the Bolshoi Ballet will grace the stage of the Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Parkway, June 6 through 10, 2000. During its run, the Bolshoi Ballet will perform its original, time-honored production of "Romeo and Juliet," a 1940s collaboration with choreographer Leonid Lavrovsky, composer Sergei Prokofiev, and the legendary Bolshoi ballerina Galina Ulanova, and a new production of its classic work "Don Quixote."

Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" has long proved popular with its tragic tale of young love, innocence and determination pitted against social and parental arrogance. Set in three acts to a beautiful score by Sergei Prokofiev, the classic ballet is produced and staged by Leonid Lavrovsky with set and costume designs reminiscent of renaissance Italy, by Russian designer Petr Williams. Lavrovsky's drama of ballet unfolds amidst sweeping street scenes, lavish ballroom spectacle and tender moments of intimacy.

The principal roles of "Romeo and Juliet" will be danced alternately by Nina Ananiashvili, Inna Petrova and Galina Stepanenko (Juliet); Andrey Uvarov, Sergey Filin and Dmitry Belogolovtsev (Romeo); Nikolay Tsiskaridze and Yan Godovsky (Mercutio); and Dmitry Belogolovtsev and Vladimir Moiseev (Tibald). The dancers will be accompanied by a 72-piece orchestra conducted by Alexander Kopylov. The performance schedule for "Romeo and Juliet" will be: Tuesday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. (following the Auditorium Theatre Council Gala at Chicago Hilton and Towers, 720 S. Michigan Ave.); Wednesday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m.; and Thursday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m.

The Bolshoi Ballet's performance of Ludwig Minkus' "Don Quixote," after the novel originally written by Miguel de Cervantes, depicts the story of the legendary but chivalrous dreamer and his adventures throughout Spain. Accompanied by his loyal sword-bearer Sancho, Don Quixote embarks on a jour-

ney that is filled with danger, heroism and romance - much of which is conjured up by Don Quixote's extraordinary imagination. Also a ballet in three acts, "Don Quixote" is revived in a new choreographic version by Bolshoi artistic director Alexi Fadeichev, with set design by Sergei Baekhin and costumes based on sketches by Vassily Dyachkov (1903).

The principal roles of "Don Quixote" will be danced alternately by Nina Ananiashvili, Galina Stepanenko and Maria Aleksandrova (Kitri) and Andrey Uvarov, Sergey Filin and Dmitry Belogolovtsev (Basil). The dancers will be accompanied by a 60-piece orchestra, also conducted by Alexander Sotnikov. The performance schedule for "Don Quixote" will be: Friday, June 9 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 10 at 2 and 9 p.m.

The Bolshoi Ballet's 2000 tour represents a unique collaboration amongst five major American performing arts centers. The 140-member company will kick off its

five-city United States tour at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington D.C. the week of May 29, 2000. Following the Chicago engagement, the Bolshoi Ballet will continue on to three other cities across the nation - The Paramount Theatre in Seattle (week of June 13), The Music Center of Los Angeles County (week of June 19), and the Orange County Performing Arts Center in Costa Mesa, California (week of June 26).

Commenting on the historic joint venture among performing arts organizations, Jan Kallish, Executive Director of the Auditorium Theatre Council, states, "We are very pleased to be partnering with the Kennedy Center and our performing arts counterparts in Los Angeles, Orange County and Seattle. This tour by the Bolshoi Ballet would not have been possible without this collaborative effort - it signifies exciting new possibilities in arts presenting as we enter the new Millennium."

"Presenting the world-renowned Bolshoi Ballet will be a cultural highlight of the Auditorium Theatre's 2000 season and we are absolutely thrilled to welcome the company to Chicago," added Kallish. "The Bolshoi's influence and reputation expanded ballet's international audience, commanding the world to know and love this incredible art form."

Tickets for the Bolshoi Ballet range from \$22 to \$100 and are on sale now at the Auditorium Theatre box office, 50 W. Congress Parkway, by calling Ticketmaster at (312) 902-1500, at all Ticketmaster outlets (Carson Pirie Scott, Dominick's and Tower Records) and on-line via www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets for groups of 10 or

more can be purchased by calling (312) 922-2110 ext. 4. For tickets to the Auditorium Theatre Council Gala on June 6, call (312) 751-5527.

The Auditorium Theatre Council is an independent, not-for-profit organization founded in 1950. Since its inception, the Council has been committed to presenting the finest cultural and community programming in Chicago. Privileged to be the trustee of the Auditorium Theatre, the Council is also committed to the continued restoration and preservation of this historic national landmark. For more information about programming, volunteering opportunities, or becoming a supporter visit www.auditoriumtheatre.org or call (312) 922-2110.

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Early golf season is often a time when golfers get the urge to buy new or different clubs. If you are one of those golfers, take the time to do your homework before making a final decision on the purchase of a set of clubs. This can be a major expense and is worthy of your time and effort in being sure the clubs you choose are suited to you.

When selecting clubs, golfers often mistakenly place the way they look and what they cost at the top of their priority list. Some golfers suffer from the stigma that to have a good set of clubs they must spend big money on them. It is not necessarily true that the more you spend the better you get. Sometimes less is better. Certainly price and appearance are important qualities to consider, but there is much more that goes into the selection of a set of clubs. First, be sure the clubs fit you. Upon your request, most golf stores or pro shops will measure you to insure that you get clubs of the proper length. This is a very simple and quick process, but something that is important to have done. Remember, you fit the clubs to the golfer, not the golfer to the clubs.

Consider this analogy: While in a clothing store a nice looking sweater catches your eye. It is the right color, it is the right price, but it is a size medium. You wear size extra large. Are you going to try on the

sweater? Of course not, for the obvious reason - it won't fit. Why then would you choose a set of clubs based on only their appearance or price when they may not fit you?

Equally as important as proper club length, is the type of shaft you use - steel or graphite, and the shaft flex - stiff, regular, senior, or ladies. Your physique, flexibility, and the distance you hit the ball, will determine the shaft you choose. Give very special attention to the type and flex of the shaft you select.

Other factors to consider are the lie angle of the club (flat versus upright), the type and size of the grip, the size of the clubhead - standard, mid oversize, or oversize, and in the woods - the use of metal or wood heads.

It is not my intent to make it seem as though buying a set of clubs should be a complicated matter. However, there are lots of clubs for sale on the market. Not all of them are suited to you. Don't buy on impulse simply because you are anxious to get a new or different set. Take the time to be informed before making a choice. Your game can be greatly affected by the choice you make.

I have a new teaching aid now available. It is a booklet entitled *Your Personal Guide To a Good Set Up*. If interested in the booklet or private golf lessons. Bob Gates can be contacted at (708) 425-8637 or (708) 857-2144.



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Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Expansion

Restaurateurs Richard Melman and Gerard Centioli announce a partnership between ICON LLC, Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, Inc. and Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Inc., to develop Krispy Kreme stores in the Pacific Northwest and in Chicago, IL.

ICON will develop Krispy Kreme stores in the markets of Seattle, Washington; Portland, Oregon; Anchorage, Alaska; Honolulu, Hawaii, and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. In Chicago, ICON will open one store in the River North area and one in the suburban North Shore in a partnership with Sweet Traditions, LLC. The Chicago area developer of Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Inc., Sweet Traditions, headed by Eric Sigurdson, entered the Chicago market in December 1998 with a Summit, IL store followed by a store in Midlothian in February 2000 and will soon open a location in Southwest Chicago.

ICON heads, Melman and Centioli, together have over 59 years of experience in the restaurant business. Melman is the founder, Chairman and CEO of Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, Inc., a Chicago-based corporation that owns and licenses over 75 restaurants nationwide and in Japan. Centioli is a Senior Partner and Senior Vice President at Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, Inc., and until April 12, 1999 was President and CEO of the Emerging Concepts Division of Brinker International, Inc.

Melman said, "We are very excited to have the opportunity to work with Krispy Kreme in the Chicago market. This is our home, and we like to test and try things here first."

Centioli, who is familiar with the Pacific Northwest having been born and raised in the Seattle area, said, "Krispy Kreme is a bonafide icon, and we are proud to be associated with Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Inc."

Earned income tax credit

Assisting the hard working families of Illinois is the aim of a new law signed by Gov. Ryan Thursday. The new law will provide an Earned Income Tax Credit to the working poor of Illinois, said state Senator Christine Radogno.

"During this period of unprecedented economic growth, we need to ensure that those hard working families of Illinois aren't left behind," said Radogno (R-LaGrange). "This Earned Income Tax Credit, which was proposed by Senate

Republicans, will go a long way in helping those families that continue to work but have trouble making ends meet."

The new law, House Bill 3939, provides for an Earned Income Tax Credit to assist the working poor of Illinois. The EITC of 5 percent will be issued in each of the next three years (2000, 2001 and 2002).

Radogno said this credit was part of the Senate Republican tax relief package that passed during the past spring legislative session.

ICON LLC was formed in 1999 to establish partnerships with the expressed purpose of the expansion and development of restaurant icons. ICON's first project, Joe's Stone Crab, an American seafood icon, will open in Chicago as Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak and Stone Crab at the corner of Grand and Rush Streets in September 2000.

Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, Inc. (LEYE) is one of the nation's leading restaurant groups, owning managing and licensing more than 70 establishments in Illinois, Arizona, Minnesota, Georgia, Virginia, California, Nevada and Japan. The establishments range from the casual style and cuisine of the original restaurant, R.J. Grunts, to the formal elegance of Ambria, Everst and TRU.

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Southwest Symphony Orchestra's finale to *A Celestial Odyssey*

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Music Director, David L. Crane will conclude its 36th Season with the Youth Concerto Competition Concert on Saturday, May 20, 2000. Three of the most talented young musicians which were winners of the annual Youth Concerto Competition, held at Trinity Christian College on March 25, 2000, will perform with the orchestra at 8:00 p.m. in the Mother McAuley High School Auditorium, 3737 W. 99th Street, Chicago.

The concert will begin with the first place Instrumental Division winner, Lauren A. Walker 14 years old of Bolingbrook, Illinois. She will play Mozart's *Horn Concerto No. 3 in Eb Major, K.447*. Lauren attends Jane Addams Middle School and has studied for three years under Dr. Kazimierz Machala, Professor of the Horn Department at the University of Illinois. Peter Drumbheller of Cresthill, is

the Second Place winner of the Instrumental Division and will be playing the Marimba performing Fritz Kreisler's *Tambourin Chinois*. Peter attends Plainfield High School and has studied under Lana Wardell for five years. Stephanie Wu of Naperville won this year's Piano Division. She will be performing *Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1 in Eb Major*. She attends Jefferson Junior High School and has studied under Mr. Rosario for eight years.

The evening will conclude after the intermission, with the *Overture to Candide* by Bernstein and Harris' landmark *Symphony No. 3* in one movement. *Candide* originated as a work for the musical theater. Produced in New York in December of 1956, it fell short of the immense success of *West Side Story*, in part perhaps because of its operatic leanings. *Candide* resurfaced in 1974 with a new libretto, and then

1982 as an "opera house version". Both failed to draw significant praise from critics and audience. The concert arrangement of the overture however, has become a curtain-raiser in its own right. The *3rd Symphony* that was performed in 1939, brought Harris instant respect and was hailed as, at long last, a truly "American" symphony. The *Symphony* in one single movement falls into sections described by the composer "Tragic, Lyric, Pastoral, Fugue-Dramatic and Dramatic-Tragic".

Concert tickets may be purchased at the door, \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$7 for students. Tickets may also be ordered by phoning the SSO office at 708-802-0686. This concert is co-sponsored by the Andrew Corporation, Dr. & Mrs. Robert Heck, and partially by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

Alexander the Great introduced the eggplant to Europe.

Oak Lawn Auto Show Seeks Classic Cars for Contest

The Village of Oak Lawn is currently seeking 30 participants with Classic and Collectible cars for its June 2000 Auto Show. A contest will be held, featuring all display vehicles and will allow Auto Show patrons to vote for their favorite car. First, Second and Third Place trophies will be given to the contest winners.

The Auto Show is an annual event for the Village of Oak Lawn and will be held in conjunction with the Oak Lawn Auto Dealers Association this year on Friday, June 9th from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, June 10th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Classic and Collectible Car Display will be held Saturday, June 10th only on the Village Green in Oak Lawn, between 95th Street and 94th Street.

Anyone interested in entering their Collectible Car or Truck should call the Village of Oak Lawn Business Hotline at (708) 499-7821 for more information. Only 30 spaces are available, and slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Auto Show will also feature new vehicles from 15 manufacturers: Cadillac, Chevrolet, Chrysler, Plymouth, Jeep, Daewoo, Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Nissan, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, GMC, Volkswagen and Toyota. Clowns, Music, Food and Entertainment will make the Show an all-day event. Parents will be encouraged to bring the whole family.

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Old Canal Days 5K Race & Fitness Walk

Lockport Township Park District will be hosting the Old Canal Days 5K Race & Fitness Walk in Dellwood Park on Saturday, June 17, 2000. This fun event is held in beautiful Dellwood Park and challenges both the competitive runner as well as the casual walker. T-Shirts, goodie bags and entry into a raffle are included in entrance fee. Register before June 3 for \$17 per runner/walker and

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Terra Museum of American Art holds family fair

Children ages 5-12 and their parents will use paintings from Terra museum's permanent collection to create their own postcard souvenirs at the monthly Family Fair to be held at Terra Museum of American Art, 664 N. Michigan Avenue, in Chicago, on Sunday, June 4, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Participants will gather in the museum's main lobby and proceed to the galleries to view the works of 19th and 20th century American artists, after which they will move to Terra Museum's studio classroom and use a variety of materials to create postcards based on their museum visit.

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Mr. Aaron Landgrave, Principal of St. Paul Lutheran School, 4660 West 94th Street, Oak Lawn, promised the children of his school that if they reached their reading goal of 8,000 points that he would kiss a snake. The children met the challenge and on Tuesday, May 9th he smooched the snake. "The children of St. Paul are the very best the city of Oak Lawn has and they worked hard for this treat. I will have to think of some other exotic animal to kiss next year!" Mr. Landgrave exclaimed.

Tinley Moraine genealogist last meeting

The Tinley Moraine Genealogist will be holding their last meeting before summer break on Thursday June 1st, 2000, at the Tinley Park Library, located at 17101 S. 171st Avenue, Tinley Park, IL.

This will be our last meeting before summer break. The meeting will be an open forum in which members discuss their ideas about genealogical research and share their own special finds.

So bring in your research records and those unanswered questions you've been wanting to ask. This may be the time to knock down that brick wall by sharing questions and answers with other members of T.M.G.

Doors open at 6:30 P.M., meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. For further information, call (708) 532-2996 or (708) 403-0531. Members free, non-members \$1.00.

OLCHS Illinois state scholars

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission recently announced the 2000-2001 Illinois State Scholars. Of this year's Scholars, 26 are students from Oak Lawn Community High School. Although program participation by high schools is voluntary, nearly all participate and Illinois' top students elect to have test scores and high school class ranks sent to ISAC for consideration in this popular program. About 10% of Illinois' high school seniors are designated State Scholars and receive a Certificate of Achievement for the accomplishment.

In order to enter the competition, high school students must take the ACT and/or SAT I college entrance examination between September 1 and June 30 of his/her junior year of high school

and have the scores sent to ISAC. Generally, selection of State Scholars is based on a combination of their test scores and their class rank at the end of the junior year. Nearly all will continue their education after high school.

The Illinois State Scholars are: Joseph Banasiak, Erika Buys, Anthony Cerco, Adam Clemens, Jodie Daley, Anthony Fantozzi, Caroline Foley, Gina Forlenza, Mary Haran, Pamela Hoover, Erin Kelly, Kathleen Klupshas, Emily McLoughlin, Brian Messina, Carlina Metzler, Scott Meyer, Amy Nagel, Carina Silva, Samantha Staniszewski, Susan Stillwell, Kristin Swedberg, Jennifer Sweis, Katharine Wenzel, Martin Zubek, Diamond Zukas, and Adam Zwirkoski.

You should enter the ballpark the way you enter a church.
—Boston Red Sox pitcher Bill Lee



Here are some web sites you may find handy:

eCircles.com.

PETSMART: www.petsmart.com.

North Shore Animal League: www.nsal.org.

The Calvert Group family of mutual funds: www.calvert.com.

The American Butter Institute: www.butterisbest.com.

The Cancer Research Foundation of America: www.preventcancer.org.

Business Lenders: www.businesslenders.com.

BeautyBuys.com.

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www.thegolfnetwork.com.

North American Technician Excellence: www.natex.org.

Marshall's stores: www.MarshallOnline.com.



(NAPS)—For information about Zonegran, a new anti-epilepsy drug which recently won FDA approval, call 1-888-ASAP or the Epilepsy Foundation at 1-800-EFA-1000 or e-mail webmaster@efa.org.

For information about legislation that proposes to give seniors higher social security benefits, send a self-addressed business-size envelope and \$1 for shipping and handling to: TREA Senior Citizens League, Dept. N931, 909 North Washington Street, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314.

For information on how to avoid foodborne illness and other Health Smart topics, call 1-877-GP-CLEAN or visit www.gphealthsmart.com or write the Georgia-Pacific Health Smart Institute, P.O. Box 2411, Palatka, FL 32178-2411.

For information about the Universal Real-Time Imaging Center, which helps veterinarians get a second opinion when treating animals, call Universal Medical Systems at 1-800-842-0607 or visit www.U-M-S.com. For information about Sony Real-Time Telemedicine conferencing units, which allow veterinarians to teleconference, call 1-800-535-SONY or visit www.sony.com/medical.

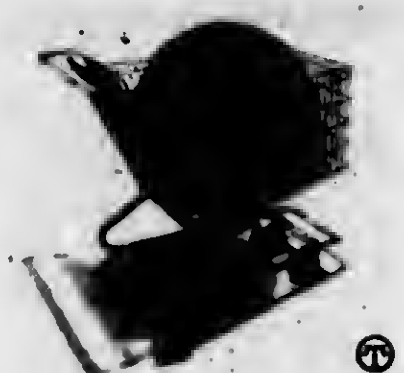
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(NAPS)—The power of positive purchasing means a chance to change the world for the better is in your hands—every time you place your hands on a shopping cart handle.

You can enjoy the good deed and the good deals that can come from what's known as socially responsible shopping. To help, a guide called *Shopping for a Better World* provides the information you need to make informed choices, whether deciding what brand of toothpaste to buy or where to invest your money. It helps you select only those companies whose policies and practices you support.

The guide rates over 200 companies and over 2,100 brand names in 23 product categories from cereal to home appliances, according to their comparative performance in such areas as the environment, charitable giving, women's advancement, advancement of minorities, disclosure of information, family benefits and workplace issues. This is the largest number of issue areas covered by any research group.

Shopping for a Better World was put together by the Council on Economic Priorities (CEP), a non-profit, public interest research organization dedicated to the accurate and



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Christ Hospital and Medical Center announces June programs

Christ Hospital and Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, has scheduled the following community education classes and support group meetings for June. To register or for more information, call Christ Hospital and Medical Center's Health Advisor at 1-800-323-8622 (unless otherwise noted).

New Voice Club Support Group - A free support group for individuals with a partial or total laryngectomy and their families will meet on Thursday, June 1, from 1 to 2 p.m. This group meets regularly on the first Thursday of every month.

Diabetes Support Group - A diabetes support group for persons with diabetes and their families will meet on Monday, June 5, at 6 p.m. in the hospital's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. Registration is required. This free group regularly meets on the first Monday of every month.

Diabetes Education Classes - Free outpatient diabetes education classes are offered in day and evening sessions at Christ Hospital. Two-session day classes will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, June 6 and 7, from 1 and 3 p.m.; two-session evening classes will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, June 13 and 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. Registration is required no later than the Friday before the sessions begin.

Blood Pressure Tests - Free blood pressure tests, provided by Christ Hospital's cardiac conditioning nursing staff, will be offered to employees and members of the community on Wednesday, June 7, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the main lobby of the hospital. Blood pressures are taken regularly on the first Wednesday of every month, except holidays. Educational literature is available.

Prescription Analysis Service - A free "brown bag" prescription drug analysis service will be offered on Wednesday, June 7, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the main lobby of the hospital. By bringing in their prescription drugs, participants will receive detailed information from a registered pharmacist about the medications' benefits, side effects, possible drug interactions and instructions for use. This service is offered on the first Wednesday of every month. No registration required. For more information, call the Senior Advocate office at

(708) 346-4150.

Alzheimer's Support Group - A support group for families dealing with Alzheimer's and other diseases related to aging will meet on Thursday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Healthcare Center, 10124 S. Kedzie, Evergreen Park. This free group meets regularly on the second Thursday of every month. No registration required. For more information contact Frank Kowalik, Director of Resident Services at (708) 229-3059.

Transitions - A free postpartum depression support group for women who have or are experiencing feelings of depression following birth, will meet on Thursdays, June 8 and 22, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This group meets regularly on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. For more information or location of meeting, please call (708) 346-1146. (Babysitting is not provided.)

Crohn's Disease Support Group - A free support group for individuals suffering from Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis will meet on Thursday, June 8, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the hospital's Green Room. This group meets regularly on the second Thursday of every month.

Post-Polio Support Group - A support group for people who have had polio will meet Monday, June 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. This group meets regularly on the second Monday of every month. Meetings are free and family members and friends are welcome. No registration required.

Happy Hearts Support Group - A support group for individuals who have undergone open-heart surgery or have heart disease will meet on Tuesday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. Family members are welcome. Blood pressures are offered before the meeting from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This free group meets regularly on the second Tuesday of the month (except July and August).

Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders Support Group - A free support group for individuals who are suffering from an eating disorder will meet on Wednesdays, June

14 and 28, at 7 p.m. This group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. For more information and location of meeting, please call (708) 388-5413.

Pediatric Diabetic Support Group - A support group for children with diabetes and their parents will meet on Wednesday, June 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. in room 2176 of Hope Children's Hospital. This free group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from October through June. No registration required; however attendees are limited to children with diabetes and their parents.

Senior Breakfast Club - Area seniors are invited to attend a free presentation Friday, June 16, from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. This program is part of a monthly series of free talks for seniors held the third Friday of every month by the Senior Advocate department. Registration is necessary.

Easy Breathers Pulmonary Support Group - A free support group for individuals with pulmonary disease problems will meet Monday, June 19 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the hospital's Percy Hopkins Auditorium. This group meets regularly on the third Monday of every month. No registration required.

Caring Connection - Small group sessions will be held for parents who have experienced the death of a child either through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death, on Monday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Harbor Room. The Caring Connection, a free support group, meets on the third Monday of every month. No registration required.

Congestive Heart Failure Support Group - A support group for persons with congestive heart failure and their families will meet on Tuesday, June 20, at 2 p.m. in the hospital's Four Seasons Room. This free group meets regularly on the third Tuesday of every month. No registration required.

Prostate Cancer Support Group - A free support and education group for men who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer, and their families and friends, will meet Tuesday, June 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Percy Hopkins Auditorium, B and C. This group meets on the third Tuesday of the month. No registration required.

Breast Prosthesis Display - This informative display provides women who have undergone mastectomy the opportunity to evaluate prosthesis options. Display session will be offered Wednesday, June 21, from 6

to 7 p.m. in the Administrative Dining Room. The display is available the third Wednesday of every month.

Heart to Heart - A support group for individuals who have experienced a cardiac event such as a heart attack or arrhythmia, or have undergone treatment for heart disease including angioplasty, heart surgery or pacemaker installation, will meet on Wednesday, June 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 1044 of the Surgical Pavilion. This free group meets regularly on the third Wednesday of each month and family members are welcome. No registration required.

Breast Cancer Support Group - A support group for women who have a history of breast cancer and their families will meet on Wednesday, June 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's Administrative Dining Room. This free group meets regularly on the third Wednesday of every month. No registration required.

P.O.P.S. (Pediatric Oncology Parents Support) - A support group for parents and caretakers of children with cancer will meet on Wednesday, June 21, at 7:30 p.m. in room 2176 of Hope Children's Hospital to support each other and help families of newly diagnosed children cope with their stress. This free support group meets regularly on the third Wednesday of every month. No registration required.

Parents of Children with Autism Support Group - A support group for parents of children with autism will meet to share information and concerns on Thursday,

June 22, at 7 p.m. in the pediatric rehab gym at Hope Children's Hospital. This free support group meets regularly the fourth Thursday of every month.

Arthritis Support Group - A free support and education group for individuals with arthritis will meet Tuesday, June 27, at 11 a.m. at Peace Memorial Church, 10300 W. 131st Street, Palos Park. In partnership with the Illinois Arthritis Foundation this group meets regularly on the fourth Tuesday of the month. No registration required. For more information contact Cathy Steckhan, Parish Nurse at (708) 361-6668.

Hand-n-Hand - A free support group of the Illinois Pediatric Brain Injury Resource Center will meet on Tuesday, June 27, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the hospital's Green Room. Providing information, resources and recreational opportunities for parents of children who have suffered a brain injury, the group regularly meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS OFFERED AT CHRIST HOSPITAL

Adolescent Smoking Cessation - The psychiatric and substance abuse department offers a three-session stop smoking program for adolescents ages 12 to 18 once a month from 5 to 7 p.m. on 5 West of the hospital. The program uses educational seminars, group discussion and relaxation exercises. Cost of the program is \$49. For dates and to register, call Christ Hospital's behavioral health community liaison at (708) 346-3065.

Babysitting Classes - The staff of the newborn nursery

offers babysitting classes periodically at Christ Hospital and Medical Center. Open to boys and girls between the ages of 11 and

16, these sessions are offered from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a one-day class, or 8 a.m. to noon for a two-day class. At this American Red Cross class, participants learn to be responsible babysitters. Topics covered include child growth and development, accident prevention, basic first aid and the Heimlich maneuver. The cost is \$20. For next available class and to register, call Christ Hospital's Health Advisor at 1-800-323-8622.

CPR Classes - The emergency medical services department of Christ Hospital and Medical Center offers CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) classes for the community every month. Fee for the two-night course is \$30 and participants must attend both sessions to become recognized as a CPR provider. Those requiring recognition need only attend the second session for \$20. Participants may purchase a \$5 microshield at class to be used to protect against communicable diseases when administering CPR. Registration is necessary as class size is limited. For information on the next available CPR class and to register, call Christ Hospital's Health Advisor at 1-800-323-8622.

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MVCC News

Curtain call for high school theater students

High school students interested in acting or in the technical side of theater are invited to attend a two-week summer theater camp at Moraine Valley June 19 through 29.

But hurry to register. Last year's summer camp was filled to capacity.

Theater Camp meets Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

Learn dance and stage movement, acting and vocal techniques, improvisation, makeup, and stage combat from experienced, professional teachers. Students with a preference for the technical aspects of live theater will learn set construction, costumes, properties, and lighting.

Daily sessions will culminate into one performance on Thursday, June 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the John and Angeline Oremus Theater.

Theater Camp is open to students entering grades 9-12 in the fall 2000 school year. The registration fee is \$100 and the deadline for registering is May 19. For more information, phone (708) 974-5393.

Moraine Valley also offers a theater camp for students

in grades 4-8. Camp meets Mondays and Wednesdays; two 4-week sessions are available beginning either June 19 or July 17. Registration fee is \$64.

For more information on registration, phone (708) 974-2110, or visit the Moraine Valley Web site at www.moraine.cc.il.us. Information on courses, times and dates is available in the Moraine Valley spring semester schedule of courses.

Summer Band Camp on the horizon

Music faculty at Moraine Valley Community College are geared up for a one-week Summer Band Camp, July 10 through 14 on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

Students entering grades 6-9 in the coming fall 2000 school year with at least one year of band experience are invited to register. Enrollment is limited. Camp meets Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Musical instruction on the following instruments is offered: all symphonic band instruments; woodwind, brass, or percussion ensembles; and jazz ensemble. An audition is

required for instruction on saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion.

The camp offers a wonderful opportunity for young musicians to work with experienced and professional teachers in a relaxing summer camp atmosphere. Camp reaches a high note on Friday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m. when students will perform in a concert.

Registration fee is \$160. For more information on registration, phone (708) 974-2110 or visit the Web site at www.moraine.cc.il.us. Information on courses, times, and dates is available in the Moraine Valley summer semester schedule of courses.

For more information on the camp, phone (708) 974-5393.

Take in the visual and performing arts with college professor

Earn college credit in humanities by enrolling in a cool class that will take you out of your seat.

Professor Joyce Porter has designed a special section of Humanities 103 that will meet Mondays and Wednesdays for four weeks beginning June 12. Classes will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. One evening class is scheduled so students may take part in an outdoor performance of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

The class will also take students to Chicago-area theaters and museums. Study the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright on a tour of Oak Park. Visit the home of writer Ernest Hemingway. Tours of the Art Institute of Chicago and the Museum of Contemporary Art also are included.

Tuition is \$44 per credit hour, plus an \$80 fee for the activities scheduled for this class. For more information on Humanities 103, phone (708) 974-5710.

Information on courses, times, and dates is available in the Moraine Valley summer semester schedule of courses. For more information on registration, phone (708) 974-2110 or visit the Moraine Valley Web site at www.moraine.cc.il.us.

Art comes to you proposing frankly to give nothing but the highest quality to your moments as they pass.

—Walter Pater

Learn or improve on golf during spring, summer months

Learn the fundamentals of golf at Moraine Valley.

Experienced instructors will give advice on grip, stance, swing, and other basics of the sport.

Golf classes are designed to teach the fundamentals, and assist the "veterans" with techniques to improve their score. A variety of days and times are available.

• Beginning Golf, Mondays and Wednesdays for four weeks, starting May 8, 5-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m., or Tuesdays and Thursdays for four weeks, beginning May 9, 5-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. \$69 fee.

Beginning golf also will be offered in June, July, and August. Summer golf classes for children and teens are offered in June and July.

More information on golf classes is available at (708) 974-5745.

More information on classes, times, and dates is available in the Moraine Valley summer semester schedule of courses. Open registration is now underway. Information on registration also can be obtained by phoning (708) 974-2110 or visiting the Moraine Valley Web site at www.moraine.cc.il.us.

Evaluate a Career in real estate appraisal at Moraine Valley

Moraine Valley offers a full range of courses to prepare or meet continuing education requirements for a career in real estate.

Classes are offered beginning in May and continuing through June on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

• Career as a Real Estate Appraiser, Tuesday, May 30, 7-10 p.m. \$35 fee.

• Real Estate Appraisal, Tuesdays for 11 weeks, 7-10 p.m., beginning June 6.

• Residential Property Appraisal, Wednesdays for 11 weeks, 7-10 p.m., beginning June 7.

• Appraisal Standards and Ethics, Thursdays for three weeks, 7-10 p.m., beginning June 8.

A wide range of other real estate courses are available. For more information or for a lineup of continuing education courses, phone (708) 974-5336.

Information on courses, times, and dates is available in the Moraine Valley summer semester schedule of courses. For more information on registration, phone (708) 974-2110 or visit the Moraine Valley Web site at www.moraine.cc.il.us.

Moraine Valley sheds light on great children's literature

If you are interested in selecting a good book to read to your elementary students or children, try a children's literature course at Moraine Valley.

Professor Margaret Lehner has developed and offers a 200-level children's literature course every semester on campus 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

Children's Literature is offered as a three-week course Monday through Friday, 6-9:15 p.m. beginning May 22.

"This is for people who want to teach and read to children," Lehner said. "It's an excellent class for parents and grandparents looking for ideas."

Students will learn how to select good literature for children and become familiar with the children's literature books available in the Moraine Valley library.

Skills such as counting and recognizing numbers.

and letters can be developed through children's books. The right books also can enhance attributes such as self-esteem and honesty.

For more information on the course, phone Barbara Dargis, College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742.

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Total at www.totalcereal.com.

The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) at www.sae.org.

HomeGain.com at www.homegain.com.

Giggo.com at www.giggo.com.

Cybersettle, an Internet-based legal system at www.cybersettle.com.

General Mills Chex and Cheerios cereals can be found at www.cheerios.chumbo.com or www.chumbo.com/chex.

Dupont Lycra: www.lycra.com.

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) website at www.aapd.org.

Project Impact, a program which helps America's communities deal with tornadoes is at www.fema.gov/impact.

The Bayer Product Information Center at www.nobugs.com.

The National Park Foundation is at www.nationalparks.org.



Puritan.com is at www.puritan.com.

The Cradle adoption agency is at www.cradle.org.

HTH Pool Care information is at www.archwaterworks.com.

The North American Technician Excellence organization and technician certification is found at www.natex.org.

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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Expanded circuit breaker program signed into law

State Representative Eileen Lyons (R-LaGrange) applauded the signing of the expanded senior Circuit Breaker program into law on Monday. Lyons was a strong proponent in the negotiations that led to the program expansion being included in the budget.

"Expanding the Circuit Breaker program means tens of thousands more seniors across the state will be able to take advantage of the benefits of this program," said Lyons. "Seniors will be able to take advantage of lower prescription costs, property tax relief and lower license plate fees. The program is a benefit to any senior, but especially to those living on a fixed income."

The program was expanded by increasing the income threshold for one person to \$21,218, \$28,480 for

a couple, and to \$35,740 for a family of three. To receive prescription discounts, seniors pay only an annual fee of \$25 and a per-prescription fee of \$3, and then the first \$2000 in prescriptions will be free. After \$2000, the participant pays only 20% of the remaining cost.

Also under this plan, the Aid to Aged, Blind and Disabled Program's spend-down requirement and participation fee have been eliminated, and over the next three years the state will increase the income threshold to 100% of the federal poverty level.

"Many seniors who didn't quite qualify for the program before, will now be able to take advantage of the benefits," said Lyons. "Seniors in Illinois will no longer have

to make the agonizing decision between buying food or paying for their prescriptions."

The expansion of the Circuit Breaker program and the AABD was fully supported by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

"For many seniors, the access that (this expansion) gives them to a broad range of medically necessary prescription drugs is a matter of life and death," said Donna Ginther, a government relations liaison from AARP.

Governor George Ryan signed the expansion into law on Monday at a ceremony at the Southwest Suburban Senior Center in LaGrange. For more information about the Circuit Breaker program, call Lyons' office at (708) 352-7700.



declining economic conditions had taken a toll on Newkirk. Determination and risk-taking still existed in the hearts of the pioneer descendants. Since 1992 numerous partners have assisted with revitalization efforts resulting in a net gain of 30 business openings/expansions and 64 new jobs.

Port Townsend, Washington: This town's Victorian heritage is real—not a theme park. By the 1980s the downtown historic district experienced a decline. Today, there is a 100 percent occupancy rate. More than 90 percent of the properties have undergone rehabilitation. As Port Townsend evolves, it has ever-increasing pride in the authenticity of its building stock and the revitalization of its historic district.

The National Main Street Center, established in 1980 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, helps communities restructure their economies to help restore, rehabilitate, and revitalize their neighborhood commercial districts. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the National Trust's National Main Street Center. For more information visit www.mainst.org on the Internet.



Victorian charm found on a side street in Keokuk, Iowa

NEWS

OF CARS

World's First Car With Internet Access

(NAPS)—For motorists with a need to get their e-mail or see how their stocks are doing while driving, things have taken a turn for the better.

Ushering in a new era of automotive communications, GM has announced that the world's first personalized web-based car will go on sale in the United States later this year. This new access to the Internet enables subscribers to receive web-based information such as e-mail, news and sports scores, stock quotes and weather conditions.

These personalized services will be available through the OnStar Virtual Advisor, using wireless technology and today's state-of-the-art voice recognition and text-to-speech technology. Engineers who developed the

technology report that the Internet service is a natural evolution of OnStar's in-vehicle safety, security and information service.

With the hands-free, voice-activated interface, OnStar subscribers use voice prompts such as "Start e-mail," or "Start stock quotes," to receive Internet-based information. The system relays the information



A new service delivered through OnStar allows drivers to receive voice activated e-mail, stock quotes and news.

via synthesized voice to the driver without screens or displays in the vehicle that could potentially distract the driver.

OnStar, in its fourth year, uses Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite technology and wireless communication to link the driver and vehicle to the 24-hour OnStar Center, where advisors provide real-time personalized help. Current OnStar services include automatic air bag notification, stolen vehicle tracking, emergency services, remote door unlock, roadside assistance with location, remote diagnostics, route support, convenience services and concierge services.

Kennedy LSC member heard

by: Rick Techman

Eight area resident received a landslide of votes April 6 from local taxpayers allowing them to officially begin serving a two-year term on the John F. Kennedy Local School Council. Serving on the school's LSC with them will be the school's principal, selected by the old council for a four-year contractual term, two teachers, chosen among the faculty, and one student, chosen by her peers in the school.

New Kennedy LSC community representatives Michael Schmidt explained the council is composed of 12 people, and of them, two are community representatives and six are parent representatives. Schmidt explained the community at-large is allowed two representatives. Regardless whether they have children in school or not, the community representatives are entitled to an equal voice on the council.

The parent representatives provide the adult perspective of what their high school children are experiencing on a daily basis at the school. Schmidt's wife, Diana, ran on the same reform ticket as he and was elected a parent representative on the Kennedy LSC. Schmidt said residents of the area, of all backgrounds, should at least vote

in LSC elections and take an interest in the school and civic matters.

Kennedy High School, according to Schmidt, has stood for almost 40 years and has always effected property values and the shape of the community. Furthermore, he said the school always will effect the community as a whole. Therefore, Schmidt encourages everyone to take an active role in their LSC and community.

Schmidt explained he, his wife and their six fellow council members received their landslide margins of victory by running on a reform platform and seeking the advice and support of the community organizations. But he said their fresh start is still an open book. "I don't have," Schmidt said, "any big agenda. We have to go in and see what's there."

Schmidt said he and his seven elected council members have three primary goals in mind when they convene July 1. Keeping meetings short, offering community based representation and doing the specific work of the council would meet the standards they offered as candidates last winter. But Schmidt admitted this would be his and his fellow representatives first term on any

LSC.

Schmidt said it would be the business of the LSC to make sure what is occurring is proper. According to Schmidt, if students, faculty and the administration decided a new set of computers was needed to fill the computer lab, it would be the responsibility of the administration to bring this need to a vote at the LSC meeting. A meeting which is open to the public. But it would not be the job of the LSC to run the school in place of the full-time administration.

Schmidt admitted he was looking up to this opportunity he'd been awarded but with some concern. This being new to all elected LSC members, he said they would have to complete an 18 hour introduction to an LSC provided by the school. He explained the first 12 hours of mandatory classes would be given at Kennedy High School regarding serving on an LSC. He said these classes would be offered to local grammar school LSC as well.

The remaining six hours of classes would be electives of choice. He said this obligation could be met possibly through the Community Policing program and other community activities.

AMERICA'S HISTORY

Facts from The National Trust for Historic Preservation

America Returns To Main Street

(NAPS)—Americans are preserving a great tradition—our past—with the Great American Main Street Awards sponsored by Sun America, a financial services company specializing in retirement savings solutions. Five communities have been selected as winners of the 2000 Great American Main Street Awards.

The winning communities are:

- Coronado, California: When a bridge opened in 1969, connecting the island community of Coronado to San Diego, downtown began to deteriorate as residents were drawn elsewhere. The City Council enlisted the aid of the Business Areas Advisory Committee to help develop the area. One theater, nine gardens, and 12 restaurants later, Coronado is a vibrant, diverse, and solvent downtown—once again.

- St. Charles, Illinois: Established in 1834, downtown St. Charles was known as the economic and social core of the city. To overcome suburban sprawl, in 1991, community leaders, business people, and concerned citizens forged a grass roots alliance

to jump start a revitalization program. Today St. Charles has re-established itself as the social and economic core of its community.

- Keokuk, Iowa: The town's first commercial district sprang up on the banks of the Mississippi River in the 1830s. In recent years, malls pulled many people away from Main Street. Keokuk defied the odds by strengthening its traditional downtown business mix—a balanced blend of retail, service, commercial and public entities.

- Newkirk, Oklahoma: Newkirk burst into being with the opening of the Cherokee Outlet in 1893 with a land run called "the greatest horse race on earth." By the 1980s,

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Expansion of circuit breaker program signed into law

On Monday, May 8, Governor Ryan signed into law a measure co-sponsored by State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) that will significantly expand and improve the Circuit Breaker Program for Illinois Seniors becoming effective January 1, 2001.

Brosnahan explained that House Bill 3872 raises the annual income eligibility level for the Circuit Breaker Program from the current \$16,000 per household to \$21,218 per single-person household; \$28,218 per two-person household and \$35,740 per three-person household. Annual renewal for applications are necessary in order for the recipient to receive funding.

Currently the Circuit Breaker Program covers

drugs used to treat cardiovascular disease, diabetes and arthritis. The new law adds drugs used to treat lung disease, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, cancer and glaucoma.

The new law raises the annual drug coverage cap from \$800 to \$2,000. The first \$2,000 worth of drugs are paid for by the Program. Once the cap is met, participants pay 20% of the cost for each prescription (plus a \$3.00 dispensing fee).

"The expansion of the Circuit Breaker Program is long overdue," stated Brosnahan. "While this legislation helps thousands of lower-income seniors, I will continue to fight for the Senior Citizen Drug Discount Program for middle-income seniors."

The Senior Citizen Drug

Discount Program would be administered at no cost to the taxpayer with no income eligibility restrictions. This measure would provide every Illinois senior with 35% to 50% discounts on all prescription medications.

Brosnahan explained that the Senate majority refused to allow the Senior Citizen Drug Discount Program to be called for a vote this past session, but will continue to work with local seniors and community activists to increase grassroots pressure on the General Assembly to ensure that House Bill 3036 is called for a vote during the November Veto Session.

For more information call Jim Brosnahan at 708-499-2810.

Obama joins governor in signing EITC bill

"Low and moderate income working families have secured a victory in the Illinois General Assembly with the passage of the Earned Income Tax Credit," said Senator Barack Obama, D-Chicago. Senator Obama joined Governor Ryan and other legislators at the Emerson House to witness the signing of the EITC bill.

Obama, Democratic Spokesman of the Public Health & Welfare and board member of the Revenue Committee, said the legislation that he has sponsored since 1997, "promotes tax justice and fairness in Illinois. The federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) has succeeded in helping working families stay off welfare. Illinois working families will now be afforded that same benefit with the passage of a

state EITC."

A state EITC would also provide an additional incentive for those moving from welfare to work. The federal EITC and state-level counterparts are an effective and proven method to reward work and reduce the tax burden on low and moderate-income families. Obama agrees that an Illinois EITC would support families by making employment, support welfare reform and ultimately reduce poverty.

Data on the federal Earned Income Tax Credit shows that the credit has been responsible for lifting 4.3 million people out of poverty, including 2.2 million children as of 1997. More than 15 million low and moderate-income U.S. households - the vast majority are families with children - received the

credit in 1998.

Under the legislation that had bipartisan support since its inception in Illinois 765,000 low and moderate-income working families will benefit from the tax credit. Of those families, 458,714 are headed by single parents. The Illinois income tax currently taxes Illinois families at a lower level of income than almost any other state, Obama said.

A 1998 study conducted by the Center for Policy Research at the prestigious Maxwell School at Syracuse University, along with the Center for Law and Human Services of Chicago addressed the issue of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit. The study analyzed the use of the credit by 826 Chicago area residents.



First grader won coloring contest

Robert Cecott, a first grader in Linda Ryzner's class at the Dorn Primary Center in North Palos School District 117, wears the t-shirt he won and shows his certificate he received for being one of the winners in the Arbor Day coloring contest sponsored by the City of Hickory Hills and held during the latter part of April.

"This study shows that lower income families want to save money and get off welfare and a state Earned Income Tax Credit could play an enormous role in permanently boosting people out of poverty and saving the state money in the long run," Obama said.

"The Earned Income Tax Credit gives these families the extra boost to remain productive and should be a key policy goal for our state."

The legislation would create a state Earned Income Tax Credit for a working family in the amount of 5 percent of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit that family gains.

Obama said that while the EITC has a sunset date of 12/31/2002, "This legislation is the first step to establishing the program in Illinois. It will prove itself as a worthwhile credit that gradually eliminates dependence on government programs," Obama said.

It has been reported that a little more than 85,000 citizens have worked their way off Illinois welfare rolls and onto employment applications and company payrolls.

Even though the majority of these are low-paying jobs an approximate 15 percent of EITC users said they would use the credit to pay tuition while 22 percent would make a correlated use of the refund, to improve their working conditions. "These uses suggest that the EITC also plays a large role in improving social mobility, a finding that was not originally expected," the study's authors said. "This study shows that lower income families want to save money and get off welfare and a state EITC could play an enormous role in permanently boosting people out of poverty and saving the state money in the long run," Obama added.

"The main political dynamic is simply that it costs money, and it's hard to mobilize support for programs that cost money but benefit low-income folks. Why should we insist on taking every possible penny from low and moderate-income families and spend it on public services that they might not need if they had more money in their pockets," Obama said. "I am relieved to see that the budget for fis-

cal year 2001 has observed the need for such a credit and has increased funding for this program at \$35 million."

An Illinois EITC has been at the top of Obama's agenda since his arrival here in Springfield and year after year his bill never cleared committee but Obama insisted. "I'm a firm believer that if you have a higher incidence of poverty, you will have a higher incidence of crime, child abuse, and violence in the community. In my opinion, the best anti-crime program, pro-education program, and health care program you can have are giving people additional income. The Earned Income Tax Credit is the most effective way to do it."

Along with the federal government, many other states have established an EITC. Those states would include Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, Colorado, Kansas, Oregon, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont and now Illinois.

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Residents Irate with Hartz Builders and Edison customers happy with them

By: F.J. Soczek

Village of Oak Lawn Trustees Robert Streit and Marjorie Joy continued to express their disapproval following a debate over the issuance of additional construction permits for the Hartz Eagle Ridge subdivision at 107th & Cook Ave.

The Board of Trustees previously voted to table indefinitely an ordinance which would deny the issuance of building permits until a punchlist of unfinished items was completed by Hartz.

A group of irate property owners complaining of poor quality workmanship, unfinished and unsafe construction appealed to the Village Board during the May 9th meeting for relief after attempts to resolve the problems with Hartz officials failed.

John Murphey, an attorney representing Hartz, threatened legal action if the Village continued to withhold the permits. Murphey argued the Village had no legal right to interfere with "private disputes" between the builder and the property owners.

Trustee Robert Streit declared the issues involved public safety and the Village had an obligation to protect its residents.

Streit related some of the homes exhibited serious structural defects in the form of cracked building foundations and broken sewer lines. One home experienced a backup of raw

sewerage a month after the 12 month "warranty" expired.

Trustee William Keane questioned the legality of the proposed ordinance drafted by Village Attorney Michael Jurusik which would require Hartz to "complete all of the unfinished punchlist items and all repairs and/or replacement work covered by the owner's warranty or any applicable manufacturer's warranty in compliance with the requirements of the Oak Lawn Village Code."

After reviewing the legal challenge by Hartz attorney Murphey, the Board rejected the ordinance prepared by Village Attorney Jurusik and deferred to the demands of Hartz.

Once again, the now perennial issue of electric power outages and the failure of Commonwealth Edison to respond in a timely manner prompted calls for action by the Village Board.

Complaints of power failures lasting as long as several days had precipitated ongoing meetings throughout the last year between the Village and officials from the public utility.

Trustees voted to provide Commonwealth Edison a list of "priority" customers, such as schools and churches, which would be notified in the event of power outages in their areas. Trustees Ron Stancik and William Keane met with ComEd representative Maureen Niswonger to review problem locations.

Commonwealth Edison

customers can look forward to a modicum of "financial" relief this summer due to a new pilot program scheduled to begin June 1st.

Residential customers who experience power outages exceeding eight hours will receive a \$60 check, which Edison states is the average one-month utility bill. Business accounts will receive \$100.

Additionally, payments will be made to those who lose service three times in a two month period. In this case, power must be lost for at least 4 hours on each occurrence. Customers whose service is curtailed for 12 hours or more will also be entitled to a rebate of the \$10 monthly service fee.

According to Commonwealth Edison officials, payments will be "automatic." No special claim forms will be required. The latter compensation will not affect the customer's current right to file for reimbursement for other losses, such as spoiled food in their refrigerators.

The refunds will be issued for losses caused only by "severe heat, overloading and equipment failures." Outages caused by severe weather conditions such as heavy rain and thunderstorms would not be covered by the program.

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Cardinal George visits Evergreen Park

Cardinal Francis George (center), leader of the Chicago Archdiocese, came to Evergreen Park May 1 in celebration of the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice. The Cardinal was the celebrant at the annual Edmund Rice Mass held at Most Holy Redeemer Church

in Evergreen Park. Shown with Cardinal George are, from left, Bernadette Fitzsimmons of Beverly, Brother Rice High School President Br. Karl Walczak, and Helen Segvich of Oak Lawn.

Edmund Rice was the founder of the Congregation

of Christian Brothers, the order that runs Brother Rice and St. Laurence High Schools. The Mass and the Cardinal's involvement were organized by the Edmund Rice guild, a group dedicated to spreading Rice's message of charism and education.

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Membership Drive

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library are now accepting new members and renewals for their 2000-2001 membership year. The cost is \$5 for an individual and \$8 for a family, which includes a spouse and any children under age 18. The benefits of membership are news updates from the Friends, advance entry into the annual book sale and discounts on most trip tickets.

Membership forms are available at the library's Reception Booth and via the Friends' web site (www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us/friends.htm)

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations, 708-422-4990.

Children's learning center a summer haven for kids

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care from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7 a.m. to noon on Friday. The center is open to children, ages 2 through 8. The cost is \$2.75 per hour for preschool-aged children; and \$3.50 per hour for toddlers.

For more information, phone (708) 974-5729.

Students seeking information on courses, dates, and times can refer to the Moraine Valley summer semester schedule of courses. For information on registration, phone (708) 974-2110 or visit the Moraine Valley Web site at www.moraine.cc.il.us.

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(left to right) Patricia Shannon, Ann Smith, Sr. Mary Ventura, O.P.

Ann Smith is a certified ELS Instructor. She has been with the program three years. Ann is also in charge of the CEI Evaluate record-keeping system. Patricia Shannon, a certified ELS Instructor has been with the program three years. Her expertise is in computer placement.



(left to right) Nancy Kelly, Nick Jackson, Sr. Mary Ventura, O.P., (seated) Joe Cimaglia

Oak Lawn chapter's 43rd "best of barber-shop" show

The International Champions of the Barbershop Quartet Society, "FRED", will be featured on the Oak Lawn chapter's 43rd "Best of Barbershop" show on Saturday, June 24th at The Dorothy Menger Theater at Moraine Valley Community College, 109th and 88th Av., Palos Hills. Also featured will be "By Popular Demand", Illinois Champions and the "Calumet Corner's" Sweet Adeline chorus.

There will be two shows, 2:30 and 7:30. Tickets are available from any chapter member or by calling the box office at (708) 974-5500. All seats are reserved. The afternoon show is \$8.00, the evening show is \$12.50.

Summer school registration at Lourdes High School

Lourdes High School, 4034 W. 56th St., will hold summer school registration on June 14th and June 15th for students (grades 9-12) currently enrolled in school, who need to make up (1/2) credit.

First semester classes will start on June 17th, and run through July 10th. Second semester classes will start on July 13th and run through August 2, 2000. A late registration fee of \$10.00 will apply if you register after June 16, 2000. Each half credit will be \$120.00.

Payment must be in cash or money order at the time of registration. No personal checks accepted. For more information, please call the school office at 773-581-2555.

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the key. The student has word patterns imprinted in memory through constant repetition. The computer implements methods that have been proven to work by professionals. The computer can do in a few minutes what a teacher or parent may take days, weeks or months to do. In each day's program the student's brain is forced to respond correctly several hundred times. This is part of the process to correct processing problems.

Technology has made it possible for the student to learn how to learn. Sensory Integration Training is a series of computerized neurological exercises that combine information received through visual, auditory and motor-kinesthetic means.

Office of Citizen's Services

The Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 West 97th St., Evergreen Park - One day trips

Thursday, June 22 - *Stars of the Lawrence Welk Show & Martinique Luncheon* 2:00 p.m. show follows noon luncheon - Tickets: \$44.

Thursday, July 13 - *Grand Victoria Casino* - (deluxe transportation, double cruise & buffet). Tickets are \$8 - Time of departure: 10:30 a.m.; return: approx. 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 26 - *Tempel Lippizon's & Rainforest Cafe*. Ticket are \$57. Time of departure: 8:00 a.m.; return: approx. 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 3 - *Wisconsin State Fair*. Tickets are \$26. Time of departure: 9:00 a.m.; return: approx. 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13 - *Par-a-Dice Riverboat Casino*. (deluxe transportation, double cruise and buffet luncheon included). Tickets are \$9. Time of

departure: 7:45 a.m.; return: approx. 7:45 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Office of Citizens' Services. For further information, stop in at Room 107 or phone 422-8776.

Caribbean Cruise Presentation

The Office of Citizens' Services (3450 West 97 St., Evergreen Park) and Travel Log, Inc. will have a trip presentation on Tuesday, June 20, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 112. A representative from Royal Caribbean will review all aspects of the trip - an 11-day Caribbean Cruise - March 12, 2001. This particular cruise has been chosen for its price value per day, location, cruise line, ports, etc.

For all the details on this cruise, or to find out about travel with OCS or information on other Royal Caribbean cruises, attend this presentation. To register for this presentation, stop in at Room 107 or phone 422-8776.

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Re. Brosnahan to host his 4th annual town hall meeting

State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) will host his 4th Annual Town Hall Meeting for the residents of Evergreen Park on Thursday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Evergreen Park Village Hall, 9418 S. Kedzie.

All residents are encouraged to attend and participate in state and local government. Residents with questions may call Representative Brosnahan's constituent service office at (708) 499-2810.

Social Security Solvent until 2037

By: Rosalie Thompson
Social Security District Office Manager

The Social Security Board of Trustees' annual report reveals that the long range financial picture of Social Security's programs has improved since last year. Specifically, the Board announced that Social Security's trust fund assets will not be depleted until 2037.

The Trustees urged bipartisan legislation action to restore the long-term balance to Social Security.

While the news is positive, we must not delude ourselves with wishful thinking. The Social Security Trust Funds simply will not fix themselves. Our strong economy gives us a window of opportunity to strengthen Social Security for future generations of workers.

The annual report also indicates that in 2015, trust fund expenditures will

begin to exceed tax revenues. Beginning in 2025, trust funds assets will be drawn down to pay benefits until the funds are exhausted in 2037.

Q. I currently have my Social Security benefits directly deposited into my checking account. What do I have to do if I decide to change my financial institution and have my benefits go to another bank?

A. If you change financial institutions or open a new account, Social Security can change your direct deposit information over the telephone by calling 1-800-772-1213. Have your new and old account numbers handy when you call. Those account numbers will be printed on your personal checks or account statements.

Q. My friend showed my Social Security publications and information that is available on the Internet. How do you get

this information if you don't have a computer?

A. Social Security provides printed versions of its publications. Just call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 to get any publication free from Social Security.

Emergency heat plan

Evergreen Park senior citizens who experience problems coping with excessive heat are welcome to come to the air-conditioned Community Center, 3450 W. 97 St. for relief. The Center is open from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. We urge residents of the Village, who observe any senior neighbors or friends needing assistance, to notify Jolene Churak at the Office of Citizens' Services (422-8776).

Southland SENIOR GAMES

Fitness for Life

Attention, Seniors: What are you doing Aug. 7-19?

Come join in the fun of the 5th Annual Southland Senior Games! Men and women ages 50 and up are invited to participate in the following competitions at convenient locations around the South Suburbs:

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NumAstrology & Your Month Ahead

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June 2000...Psychic Predictions For All Signs For All Signs. I use NumAstrology [combining Numerology with Astrology...Plus my Psychic Insight]. Initials can be first or last names of people.

For those born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: You can look forward to some really surprising developments on the plus side of your financial growth. An offer comes that you cannot resist...or can you? P aids and someone R; a Pisces also involved.

For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: You might think of yourself as "ordinary" and this is wrong...you are not ordinary when it comes to being capable and trustworthy. S can help.

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: H involved in some kind of dispute over something you said or did long ago. Let "sleeping dogs lay." Don't let yourself get involved in pettiness. A Leo aids.

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Richard or someone R can become involved in your financial needs. If seeking new housing, this is the time to do so. A time also to get back to loving again.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: It may be time to get at those repairs that are needed around the home, but also to get more involved in what you do for a living. D and W involved.

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Expect the best out of people and they won't fail you, but also demand the best out of you. Be prepared to travel. You are surely feeling better. F aids.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Some of you need an uplifting of your spirits. People surely can get you down when you are the one doing most of the work while they sit and watch. Speak up! You could attract a new love. L involved or C.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: See, Speak and Hear no Evil!! Can you really shut your eyes and ears to what is happening around you? No! But you can overcome such negativity, you have a powerful mind and ability to speak up! J aids.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: This is a time to know within yourself that what is happening is only the beginning of wonderful things. You get a new lease on life, because you have taken a new look at yourself and you like what you see. F and R involved and the Mercurial influenced.

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Flag-burning ceremony to be held

Most of us are familiar with the basic rules of the U.S. Flag Code: to put our hand over our heart when stating the Pledge of Allegiance or singing the National Anthem in the presence of the flag; only flying the flag from sunup to sunset; not flying the flag in inclement weather, flying the flag proudly from public buildings and always displaying it on election day. When a flag becomes worn or tattered, it is no

longer to be displayed. But since we can't dishonor the flag in any way or even allow it to touch the ground, what are we to do?

The Federal Flag Code states "The flag, when it is in such condition that is no longer fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in dignified way preferably by burning."

This is exactly what will happen on Saturday evening, June 10, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the field locat-

ed at 111th St. and Central Park in Chicago.

Evergreen Park BPW members will join with area Girl Scouts to hold a solemn ceremony to respectfully, honorably and properly burn and dispose of tattered and worn-out U.S. Flags. The public is invited to join us and to bring their tattered or worn flags for honorable disposal. Bring your lawn chairs and plan to spend that Saturday evening honoring the 223rd birthday of the Stars and Stripes.

When is the 223rd birthday? On Flag Day, June 14, 2000. For more information call Theresa O'Rourke at 773-233-3092.

Dear Editor

For many people, May is their favorite month of the year - spring has begun, the weather getting warmer, and everything is getting greener. For me, however, the month of May is also a reminder that the cottonwood trees are in bloom. For the residents of the southwest suburbs, the puffy white drifts of spring-time "snow" are an all too familiar sight. The cottonwood seeds fill the air, irritate our eyes, and make it difficult for some of us to breathe. We see the seeds everywhere - collecting in our gutters and sewers, in our gardens and swimming pools, clogging engine fans in our lawn mowers and automobiles. They collect heavily in our air conditioning condensers and screen windows and doors. If you take a moment to look around, you will notice just how omnipresent these little seeds can be.

I consider myself to be a lover of nature and the outdoors - I plant many trees and shrubs on my own property, and I grow a large flower and vegetable garden every year. But, because the cottonwood trees irritate my

seasonal allergies so drastically, I have been unable to enjoy gardening since I moved to Palos Hills four years ago. Like many other allergy sufferers, I spend the most beautiful month of the year indoors.

Every year we tolerate the nuisance of the cottonwood, and no one seems to be taking any measures to reduce or eliminate it. Every year, I hear the residents of our beautiful neighborhoods complaining - we should be able to enjoy this time of year, not dread it. Isn't there any way to replace some of these greatly abundant trees with others that are just as beautiful and less disruptive? I am sure that many residents would like to see a change. Perhaps, with the help of our community leaders, we can find a way to at least partially remedy this situation while preserving the natural beauty of our neighborhood.

As a single voice, my influence on the situation is limited. This is why I have turned to the press to hopefully shed some light on this issue. If more members of the community share my concern and make it known, perhaps we will be heard. We must bring out concerns to the attention of our community leaders. We can ask for their help in finding a way to control the cotton-

wood.

If you feel that this matter needs attention, please make it known. Notify your alderman or mayor by writing a letter. Collect the opinions of your neighbors in a petition. Make a simple phone call to your precinct captain. If enough residents express concern, perhaps our political leaders will find a reason to take action.

Our Lady of the Snows' woman of the year

Evelyn Heiser is the 2000-2001 nominee for Woman of the Year from Our Lady of the Snows Council of Catholic Women. She has held various council positions, most recently serving as treasurer for many years, making sure our funds are used wisely and economically. Evelyn's first parish activity was at St. Camillus. As soon as Our Lady of the Snows was established, she became part of the women's guild that met in their homes. Evelyn has contributed many hours of community service at parish fests, fund raisers and the annual graduates luncheon.

Evelyn will be honored by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women and Vicariate 5 during an awards luncheon at the Lexington

Writer Christopher Morley's explanation for naming his cats *Shall* and *Will* was, in his words, "Because no one can tell them apart."

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Some of the activities planned for the month of June are: A free concert in the Park on Sunday, June 11th featuring Leo Henning and the Southwest Community Band, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Klein Park, 97th & Homan.

The Annual "Day in the Park" and 5K Run on Saturday, June 24th. 5K Run registration starting 7:30 a.m. Run starting at 8:30 a.m. "Day in the Park" festivities starting at 11:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Hamilton B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street and also in Klein Park, 97th & Homan.

The Annual "Independence Day Parade" on Friday, June 30th starting at 6:30 p.m.

"Residents of Evergreen Park can look forward to a wide variety of special

events and programs during the month of June," said Dennis L. Duffy, Commissioner & Director Recreational Services. "In addition to sports leagues, summer camps and concerts, which improve quality of life in our community, the Evergreen Park Recreation Department provides health and fitness programs for all age groups, as well as other social services."

"The role of park districts, forest preserves and recreation agencies is changing," said Dr. Ted Flickinger, executive director of the Illinois Association of Park Districts. "Local park districts, forest preserves and recreation agencies have grown beyond sports and entertainment and are addressing concerns such as

wellness, juvenile delinquency, substance abuse, gangs and crime."

Park districts, forest preserves and recreation agencies make communities better places to live. Their programs and services provide health benefits, social benefits and economic benefits to the people of their communities.

For you, recreation programs release tension and fulfill desires for challenge and competition. These activities and other confidence-building programs have a direct impact on crime reduction.

For people of all ages, physical activity reduces the rise of stress-related disease and helps them live longer. Studies have shown that each mile walked or ran by a sedentary person adds an extra 21 minutes of life and saves society from unneces-

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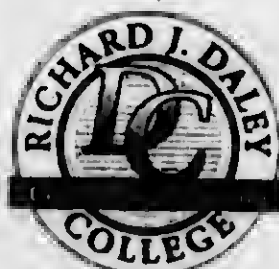
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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By Kathy Whirity



A salute to Michael J. Fox

It wasn't that long ago that the sport's world said good-bye to a hero-basketball superstar Michael Jordan. Most of us were a bit teary eyed at the sad realization that Chicago Bulls basketball, as we knew it, would never be the same. The same kind of sadness tugged at our heartstrings as we witnessed yet another Michael saying good-bye.

We've known for awhile now that Michael J. Fox has been suffering with Parkinson's disease- the debilitating illness that causes rhythmic tremors and muscular rigidity. Recently the effects of this degenerative disease were evident when Diane Sawyer interviewed Mr. Fox. It is the reason, he explained, that he can no longer keep up the rigorous pace of doing a weekly T.V. show. He has decided to put his energies towards helping to find a cure for Parkinson's disease. His very presence has become a powerful symbol of hope, as he tirelessly lobbies Congress, for funding, on behalf of all those stricken with this brain altering affliction.

I sat, Kleenex in hand, watching both the character Michael and the real life Michael, both saying farewell to Spin City. To find the meaning behind this emotionally charged final episode, was to read between the lines.

The character Michael, the deputy mayor, found himself taking the fall for his city hall co-workers, who had unintentionally done business with the mob.

It was hard to separate the acting from the true, gut-wrenching feelings being felt, as the emotions of this scripted good-bye were rooted in the somber reality of an actor leaving behind his acting career after so many fruitful years.

As I wiped the tears from my eyes, a few thought provoking ideas ran through my mind. I was reminded that celebrities are people, just like you and me. They have problems, worries and fears that cause obstacles in their day to day living. No matter how much money they make, or how big the mansion they live in- sometimes, they too, are forced to deal with the hardships of illnesses that cause them to take different directions in their lives. And, like most of us, they try to do the best with what they've got.

Michael J. Fox, the man, is hoping his celebrity status will help to put more public awareness on this devastating disease.

Many of us watch the elegance of award shows and are dazzled by all the glitz and glamour of what we perceive life in Hollywood to be. But underneath all the razzle dazzle of Tinsel Town, there are realities of human challenges and adversity, such as the reason for this departure of an endearing T.V. star, that touches our hearts so deeply. We have watched him pretty much grow up before our eyes, but as the curtain began to close on this show's season finale, I couldn't help but notice that he didn't look much older than the teenager he played on Family Ties. And as I watched him I couldn't help but be reminded of what's really important to all of us.

In the grand scheme of things, what it boils down to for any of us- rich, poor, celebrity, or plain folk is this: No matter who you are or where you come from- in the end- health and family are all that really matters.

I have a feeling we haven't heard the last of Michael J. Fox. I hope not. A star that shines so brightly cannot be snuffed out.

"Read for the fun of it"! at the Chicago Ridge Public Library

This summer there are plenty of things to do at the Chicago Ridge Public Library, located at 6301 West Birmingham Avenue in Chicago Ridge. The 2000 summer reading program is "READ FOR THE FUN OF IT!" and is open to preschoolers, children, teenagers, young adults, and adults. Interested participants may register starting Monday, June 5 at the library. Registration for non-residents will begin Wednesday, June 7. Once the participant has registered, he or she may begin reading books from the Chicago Ridge Public Library and be ready to log all books read in their folders which will be kept in the library. Folders will be available in the library on Monday, June 12. After the participants complete a week of reading, they will receive a membership card and then are entitled to participate in the many programs offered this summer at the library.

Medal.

The medal is awarded to soldiers who have served in any capacity in a noncombat area authorized by the Secretary of the Army. The recipients must distinguish themselves by meritorious service or achievement and accomplish the act with distinction.

Murphy is a combat medic with the 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry at Camp Casey, Tongduchon-Up, South Korea.

He is the son of Tim and Eileen Murphy of 9409 S. McVicker Ave., Oak Lawn, IL.

The specialist is a 1991 graduate of Oak Lawn High School.

Members of the reading program in the Youth Services Department are entitled to craft programs on Monday or Tuesday afternoons, and Bingo on Wednesday afternoons. There are special programs and activities on Thursdays including Sidewalk Chalk Art, mother/daughter, father/son book discussion groups, Chicago Ridge Road Race and an Ice Cream Social with barber-shop music. Besides the programs, the library has many small contests for the participants: Trivia Contests are available on Mondays and must be returned by Thursdays; guessing contests will be continuing all summer; or write and illustrate your own book! These are just a few of the programs offered.

For more information about the summer reading program, stop in at the Chicago Ridge Public Library and pick up a brochure, or call the library at 423-7753.

Young Adult Summer Reading Program

The Youth Services Department of the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 6301 West Birmingham, has started a summer reading program for Young Adults titled, "Read For A Million."

A Teen Open Mike night is taking place on Tuesday, June 13. All are welcome to come and recite a favorite poem or story, but no profanity is

Wild animal fun at Chicago Ridge Public Library

A presentation by "South Forty's Wild World of Animals" will kick off the Summer Reading Program at the Chicago Ridge Public Library, 6301 W. Birmingham, on Thursday, June 8 at 2:00 p.m. The program is open to any child, age 3 through grade 8, who has registered for the summer reading program. Tickets are required and will be distributed at the time of registration. South Forty will entertain and educate about the wild animals they bring. Watch out- they could bring anything from tarantulas to tigers! For more information call the library at (708) 423-7753.

allowed! Scrapbooking for Teens will be on Tuesday, June 11 from 6:30 - 8:30. Bring photos of friends to create a page to treasure. Every Friday from 12:30 - 2:30, the Young Adult program will host an arts and crafts day. A series of fun activities are planned for every Friday, and all Young Adults who are interested are welcome to attend. A group session is in the works on Wednesday evenings for the Young Adults. These meetings will be a time to discuss their books, or bring in any concerns/questions that they might have. The final party will be held on Friday, July 28 at 12:30. Pizza and pop will be served and the Volunteers will be recognized during this time. For more information call the library at (708) 423-7753.

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Bank enhances travel club

Carol Moskal, Assistant Vice President and Club Director of Founders Bank's "Traditions" travel club has announced the club is expanding. "With the growth of Founders Bank, customers asked if the club would be expanded to include all of the branches of Founders Bank rather than just the Worth and Mount Greenwood office.

Membership in the club provides wonderful travel opportunities.

"Membership in the club is free," stated Moskal. "The only requirements are members must be 55 or better and need to maintain a checking account (no minimum balance required) along with \$2,500 in a Founders Bank savings account or \$5,000 in a Founders Bank Certificate of Deposit. Members receive wonderful travel opportunities at group discount rates, along with free or greatly discounted bank services, including a bonus rate on their CD," stated Moskal.

Moskal said that the club "travels the country, and the world. She went on to say "we offer day excursions to local points of interest as well as overnight and extended tours. Our members enjoy the friends they've made and the travel opportunities we offer, not to mention the discounts. We feel we've put together the finest club program in the area - at least that's what our customers tell us,"

For more information about the club, please call Carol Moskal, Traditions Director at (708) 671-2335 or call (708) 448-6500 and ask for any club representative.



Top Row, Left to Right: Lola Velasquez, Tina Zugel, Pat Young, Karen Nemanich, Kay Miller; Bottom Row, Left to Right: Joan Kluck and Carol Moskal, Club Director. Not shown: Virginia Cracco and Colleen Steffan.

Moraine Valley at 'Vanguard' of national learning project

Moraine Valley has been selected to take part in a major international project that will help community colleges around the world become more learning-centered institutions.

The League for Innovation in the Community College selected Moraine Valley as one of the 12 Vanguard Learning Colleges because of the college's "outstanding record of achievement in learning-centered education." Approximately 100 community colleges in the U.S. and Canada sought selection as a Vanguard College, League officials stated. Moraine Valley is the only Illinois college to be chosen for this project. There are 49 community colleges in the state and 1,200 in the U.S.

The League describes a learning college as one that places learning first and pro-

vides educational experiences for learners anyway, anyplace, and anytime. As Vanguard College, Moraine Valley will help develop and test projects and programs and best practices that other community colleges in the U.S. and Canada can use in their efforts to become more learning-centered.

"We are very pleased to be selected for this leadership role," Dr. Vernon O. Crawley, college president, said. "Selection as a Vanguard College speaks highly to the quality staff we have at Moraine Valley and their efforts to provide outstanding educational and training opportunities to meet the needs of learners. We look forward to working with the other colleges that are committed to the same values and goals of learning-centered institutions."

The objectives, he said,

demonstrate the direction of the Learning College Project will take. These objectives include:

- *Organizational culture - policies, programs, practices, and personnel support learning as the major priority.

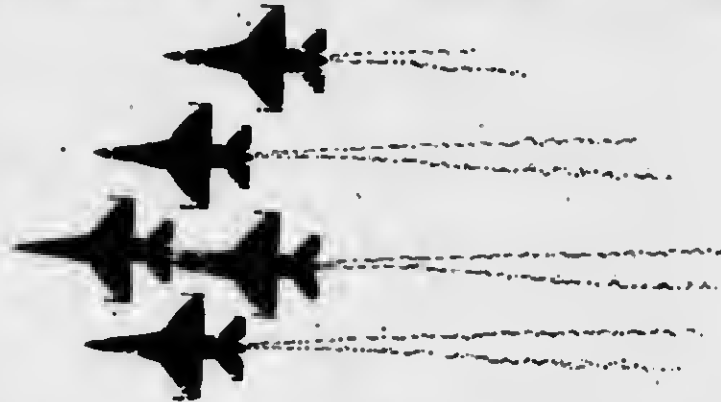
- *Staff Recruitment and Development - new staff and faculty are learning-centered and professional development prepares them to be more effective facilitators of learning.

- *Technology - information technology will be used primarily to improve and expand student learning.

- *Learning Outcomes - a core program on strategies to improve learning outcomes, to measure attainment of outcomes, and documentation of achievement.

- *Underprepared Students - create or expand programs and strategies to ensure success of these students.

For more information, phone Mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275.



Strong dollar makes Germany bargain of the millennium

The unprecedented strength of the U.S. dollar in relation to most European currencies, and particularly to the German mark, is proving to be a boon for North American tourists to Germany. "A hotel room that cost \$200 in the summer of 1999, costs just \$150 in 2000," according to Udo Grebe, Director of the German National Tourist Office in North America. Similar cost reductions are in effect for all sorts of expenses in Germany this year, including restaurant meals, car rentals, train tickets, tours, cultural events and entrance fees to attractions. "This means," Grebe continued, "that a vacation in Germany - which was, anyway,

always less costly than in many European countries - is truly an extraordinary bargain this year."

In 1999, Americans spent some 4.3 million overnights in Germany. Early reports are showing that tourism in the first quarter of 2000 increased significantly, and the outlook for the remainder of 2000 is similarly optimistic. In addition to the strength of the dollar, additional numbers of tourists are coming to Germany in 2000 for a variety of special events, including EXPO 2000 in Hanover, the Bach 2000 Festival being held throughout Germany, and the Passion Play season in Oberammergau.

Brother Rice Football Camp

Brother Rice High School, 10001 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, will host a football camp for boys in grades 5-Br. Rice freshman June 12-16. Members of the Br. Rice coaching staff will instruct campers in fundamentals such as passing, running, and blocking techniques. The camp will cost \$50. For more information, call Steve Nye at (773) 779-3410, ext. 171.

Superday has been postponed

Construction delays have postponed the opening day of the Burbank Water Park. The Burbank Park District's Superday Celebration has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 10th. All attractions scheduled for June 3rd, have been rescheduled for the new opening day of the water park on June 10. Call (708) 599-2070 for a schedule of events.



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A Journey Into the Past will be featured by the Will County Historical Society in conjunction with The Old Canal Days Festival which will be held in Lockport, Illinois on June 17 and 18 when the Society's Pioneer Settlement becomes the scene of live demonstrations of many crafts which were required for living on the frontier. The activities will take place in and around the many historic structures at the Settlement in an atmosphere of early days and times no longer known or well remembered.

Visitors to Journey Into The Past will be able to observe live demonstrations of many activities. There will be spinning, weaving, broom making, blacksmithing, tinsmithing, butter churning, leather working, wood carving and

many additional crafts which were a part of everyday living in the early days of the area's development. Music and entertainment will be included. There will be a country store.

Hours for the event will be 11:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. Admission will be \$2.00 for adults and 75c for children under 12. Children under four, free.

Pioneer Settlement is Located on Illinois Route 7, one block west of Illinois Route 171, along the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

The Will County Historical Society's Old Stone Annex Exhibit Building and the Illinois and Michigan Canal Museum will be open in keeping with the hours of Journey Into The Past.

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Let's now turn our attention to the start of the swing itself, namely the very crucial take away. It is that part of the swing which occurs from the address position to the point where the club reaches about waist high. What happens during the first twelve to eighteen inches of the take away lays the foundation for the entire swing. Your main focus as you begin the take away is to swing the club. This is done by using the big muscles of the shoulders and

then letting the arms join in. A problem for many golfers is in starting the take away by using the smaller muscles of the hands which results in the hands being far too active.

Consider this question concerning putting. Do you putt with the hands? Obviously the answer is no, if you are a good putter. You quiet the hands and putt using the arms and shoulders in a pendulum-like motion.

Learn to make a good putting stroke and then extend the length of this stroke to the waist high position. You have now made a good take away. Therefore, consider a putt as a mini swing. Once the swing has begun by using the big shoulder muscles, there are two other factors to be looked at. The club should be taken straight back for the first 12-18 inches. Often times, early on, the club is directed on too much of an outside or inside swing path which usually leads to problems at impact. After reaching this

12-18 inch point the club will then start to move inward and upward. At about the waist high position, the club should be parallel to the ground and the toe pointing straight up.

Upon reaching this position, periodically stop and check your clubface. If the face is pointing downward (closed) or upward (open) there are two things to check which will cause either of these to occur. If your grip is incorrect, or if you are rolling the wrists as you begin the take away, the result will be an open or closed clubface at the waist high position. This in turn will cause the clubface to be open or closed at impact,

resulting in a misdirected hit.

As you focus on the take away, keep in mind that three things need to be accomplished: 1) use the big muscles of the shoulders to start the take away; 2) take the club straight back for the first 12-18 inches; and 3) at waist high, have the club parallel to the ground and the toe pointing straight up.

I have a new teaching aid now available. It is a booklet entitled *Your Personal Guide To a Good Set Up*. If interested in either the booklet or private golf lessons, Bob Gates can be contacted at (708) 425-8637 or (708) 859-2214.

Daley College offers police officer exam applications

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The Oak Lawn Community Church 9000 S. Ridgeland, Oak Lawn, is holding their Annual Rummage Sale and Outdoor Flea Market on Saturday, June 10th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Rummage Sale will be inside the church. Food will be available. For more information call (708) 599-4025.

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Applicants must come in person to turn in the application and get the test admission ticket. Applications will be accepted Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will require a \$20 application fee paid in cash only.

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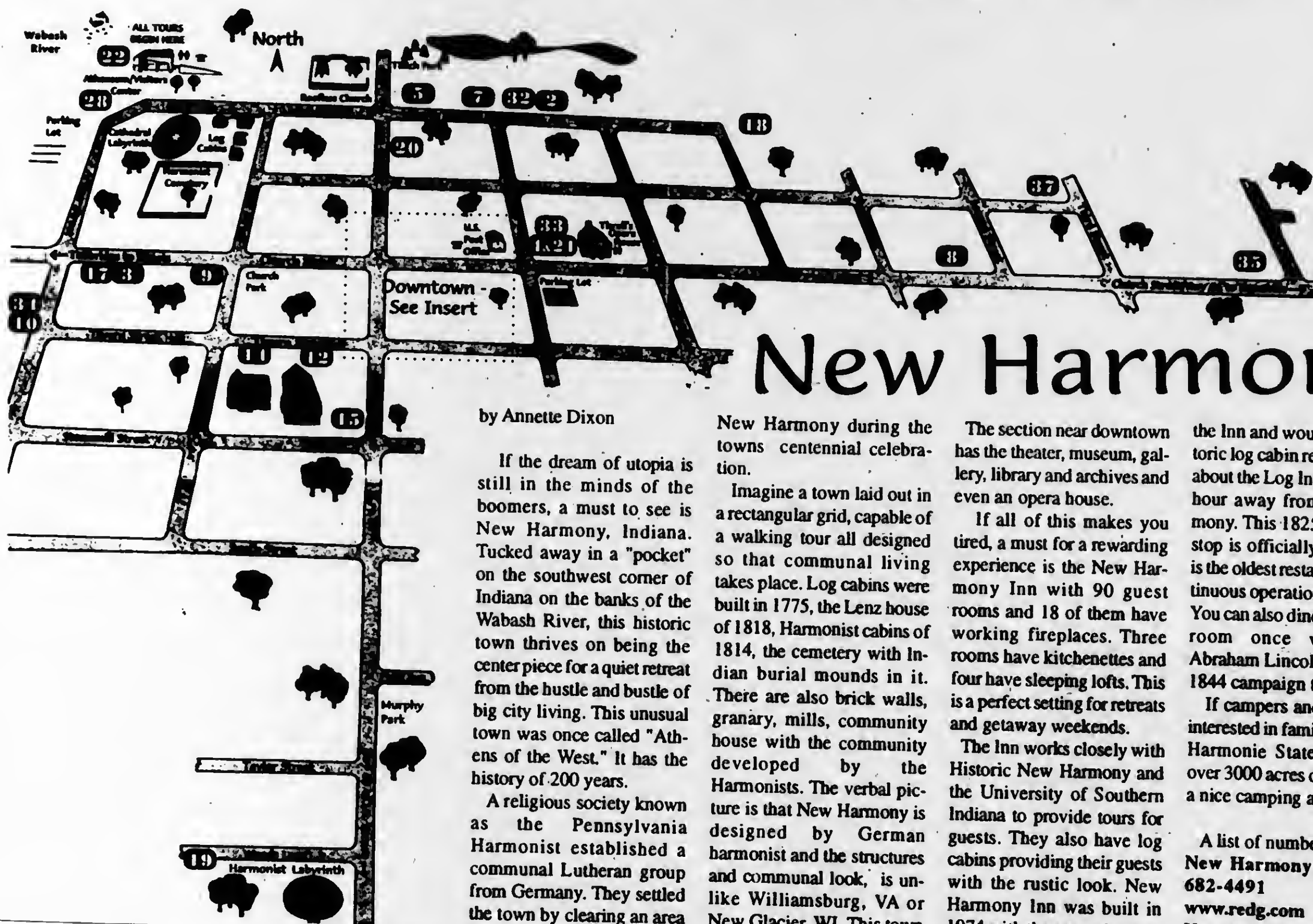
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New Harmony

by Annette Dixon

If the dream of utopia is still in the minds of the boomers, a must to see is New Harmony, Indiana. Tucked away in a "pocket" on the southwest corner of Indiana on the banks of the Wabash River, this historic town thrives on being the center piece for a quiet retreat from the hustle and bustle of big city living. This unusual town was once called "Athens of the West." It has the history of 200 years.

A religious society known as the Pennsylvania Harmonist established a communal Lutheran group from Germany. They settled the town by clearing an area for their inhabitants but owned 30,000 acres in 1814. They only kept it until 1825 when they sold it to Robert Owens along with a group of scientists and philosophers such as geologist, William Maclure, philosopher, Thomas Sey, photographer, LeSeour for the Academy of Science.

Prior to 1832, the town was spelled Harmonie, but was renamed New Harmony. In 1874, Harmonists returned to New Harmony to build cemetery walls using their own made bricks from church. In 1914, President Taft visited

New Harmony during the town's centennial celebration.

Imagine a town laid out in a rectangular grid, capable of a walking tour all designed so that communal living takes place. Log cabins were built in 1775, the Lenz house of 1818, Harmonist cabins of 1814, the cemetery with Indian burial mounds in it. There are also brick walls, granary, mills, community house with the community developed by the Harmonists. The verbal picture is that New Harmony is designed by German harmonist and the structures and communal look, is unlike Williamsburg, VA or New Glacier, WI. This town is quite unique in that the natural surrounding indicate its peaceful, serene setting, where the average person will relax and enjoy the variety of flowers, shrubs and trees. It is a botanists haven and a spiritualist and scientist's haven also.

New Harmony, the retreat area has the ambiance of the early 1900 century with original log cabins, cathedral labyrinth, cemetery, a modern atheneum, the harmonists roofless church, parks, inns, bed and breakfast housing, such as the Wright Place. (See map at upper left corner)

The section near downtown has the theater, museum, gallery, library and archives and even an opera house.

If all of this makes you tired, a must for a rewarding experience is the New Harmony Inn with 90 guest rooms and 18 of them have working fireplaces. Three rooms have kitchenettes and four have sleeping lofts. This is a perfect setting for retreats and getaway weekends.

The Inn works closely with Historic New Harmony and the University of Southern Indiana to provide tours for guests. They also have log cabins providing their guests with the rustic look. New Harmony Inn was built in 1974 with the nature lover in mind.

The Inn has a five star restaurant, the Bayou Grill and a cocktail lounge for the customer's convenience. It has recreational tennis courts, an indoor swimming pool, health club, and spa, it offers carriage rides to town, which is only two blocks. Walk the historic town and stop at the Red Geranium bookstore or Annette Buckland's, The Antique Showrooms in the Mews with nine shops filled with traditional antique furniture and country antiques all in room settings.

If you are tired of eating at

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If campers and scouts are interested in family camping, Harmonie State Parks has over 3000 acres of forest and a nice camping area.

A list of numbers include:
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The Wright Place Bed and Breakfast (812) 682-3453

Department of Natural Resources-Harmonie State Park
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Clearing summer kick off

Clearing United Methodist Church is having a neighborhood block party which will be great fun for all ages. This summer kick off will be held on June 17th from 10:30a.m. - 4:00p.m. at

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Director of the Institute. "We've published an A to Z listing of all the drugs that are available to certain qualified groups for free or at very low cost directly from the manufacturer."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Institute Fulfillment Center, Booklet #: PD-370, P.O. Box 462, Elmira, NY 14902-0462. Consumers can also get more information from The Institute's Internet web site: www.institutedc.org.

exploration of wellness. The second annual Multi-Dimensional, Multi-Cultural Wellness Conference/Workshop will be held Friday, June 23, Saturday, June 24, & Sunday, June 25, 2000. The workshop can be taken for two course credits (if qualified) under the course PSYC 500 QA, or as a non-credit course. Pre-registration fee for the three day workshop is \$100.00, which includes lunch for both Saturday and Sunday. The deadline for the pre-registration fee May 31, 2000. Walk-in registration will be \$110.00 and will not include lunch. Walk-ins must do so an hour before workshop begins. The workshop will include experimental and didactic presentations, including meditation, yoga, tchi, nutrition, naturopathy and several others disciplines. Participants may choose workshops according to personal interest.

Little Company and McDonald's team up to help kids in ER

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers received a generous donation of 2,500 Teenie Beanie Baby and Hot Wheels Happy Meal toys from the McDonald's Restaurant in Evergreen Park on May 23. The Hospital will give the toys from two past McDonald's promotions to younger patients in the Emergency Department. Mike Rehfeld, owner and operator of the McDonald's Restaurant at 2620 W. 95th Street in Evergreen park, presented the toys to Sister Joseph Casey, L.C.M., Emergency Department; and Wendy Drynan of the Hospital's Foundation. The restaurant is the home of the official drive thru of NASCAR and has been a part of the Evergreen Park community for two years. Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers (www.lcmh.org), based in Evergreen Park, Ill., deliver technologically advanced services through a 336-bed, acute-care hospital; a new Cancer Center affiliated with the Medical Oncology Group of the University of Chicago Hospitals opening fall 2000; an Oak Lawn Care Station and Home Health Equipment Center; as well as unique community health education centers in Evergreen plaza and Chicago Ridge Mall.

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The Small Business Team offers a free consultation and written analysis to help create a plan for small businesses ranging in size from five to fifty employees. The Small Business Team, made up of a Small Business Specialist and a team of dedicated technicians, will review the analysis and offer suggestions to improve efficiency, productivity, sales and profitability through a range of computer solutions. Computer Renaissance also offers

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Beyond catch phrases and 800 numbers

By Matt Mayer

The marketplaces are very competitive in business today. Since the early 90's, there has been an emphasis on providing good customer service in a large number of companies in Corporate America. Leading many of these companies to empower their employees, enabling them to use their own judgement to satisfy the customer. Manufacturers have come to realize that good customer service can help set their company apart from the competition.

There are many areas of customer service. Two areas of customer service are sales customer service, and after-sales customer service (the service sector). Although they are similar, they are also quite different, and require different customer service policies and procedures.

However many companies are focusing more on sales customer service, rather than after sales customer service. Ironically this is especially true in the service industry - where customer service is essentially the purpose of the business. This can be very detrimental in the long run for corporations from large to small in manufacturing or in

the service sector.

Businesses that are unique, helps set them apart from the competition. One of the things a business can do is have a customer appreciation day. This works well for small business's. Many businesses use customer survey cards. These cards can and do work well, if they are properly used, and are not used for cosmetic or marketing purposes. Complaints on the cards should be followed through to top level management and back to the customer. Unfortunately many businesses are looking more toward their bottom line, rather than their life line, when it comes to investing in a good customer service philosophy.

Quality customer service is equally important to major corporations, midsize businesses and especially small businesses. There are more small businesses than large businesses in the country today. For a small business, quality customer service is the least expensive advertising tool that a business can adopt. This of course is the old "word of mouth" advertising. A business would definitely want whatever comes out of people's mouths to be good.

Good words are good for business, however in reality people are more likely to talk about a bad experience than a good one.

This is where the detriment of poor customer service comes into play. Studies show that a typical unhappy customer tells 10 more people about a bad experience, the bad news travels fast. Statistically here is why customers do not return to a business- 1% die, 3% move away, 5% make other business contacts, 9% prices to high, 14% inferior merchandise, and 68% attitude of personnel. Studies have also shown most people don't take the time to complain- they just simply go elsewhere.

As we have progressed over the generations, into fast paced metropolis of business, many businesses have somewhat lost their way in people skills. The founding fathers in the business world knew the value of treating people well. Nordstrom's Department Stores have been providing the same high level of customer service, since John W. Nordstrom founded the company in 1901- then a shoe store. Look at where Nordstrom is today.

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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

The 17th annual Chicago Bulls festival salutes centenarians Pink Anderson and Tampa Red

The Mayor's Office of Special Events and Best Buy proudly present the Chicago Blues Festival 2000, from Thursday, June 8 through Sunday, June 11. The festival will take place at Grant Park (Jackson at Columbus) and will be in operation from Noon - 9:30p.m. daily. The Chicago Blues Festival is the world's largest outdoor, free festival and this year's event will attract an estimated 650,000 people who are purists, enthusiasts and lovers of Blues of all walks of life from all over the world. "The Chicago Blues Festival offers the very best of local and national talent in the Blues community and we're excited to co-present this year's 17th annual festival with Best Buy," said Jim Law, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events. "It is an honor to host such an illustrious roster of artists for the Chicago Blues Festival, Chicago's most popular music festival, as we pay tribute to and present some of the pioneers of this most esteemed music form."

The theme of this year's festival is "Celebrate the Heritage & Tradition of Blues Music" and is dedicated to the centennials of Tampa Red and Pink Anderson. Hometown Blues musician, Eric Noden will perform on the Aiwa Front Porch stage in a special salute to Tampa Red (June 8). In honor of Pink Anderson, Paul Geremia, Roy Book Binder and Andy Cohen will open the Aiwa Front Porch stage on Sunday, June 11. Additionally, Music Makers will also pay tribute to Pink Anderson on the Route 66 stage with performances paying homage to the legendary Howlin' Wolf in honor of his 90th birthday anniversary, and the list of extraordinary talent on hand for these performances include Little Howlin' Wolf, Jumpin' Willie Cobbs, Illinois Slim, Ashward Gates, Henry Gray, Eddie Shaw, Detroit Junior, Little Smokey and Corky Siegel just to name a few (June 10). The distinguished list of performers to round out the Blues Festival

weekend includes petrillo Music Shell headliners The Little Milton Revue with special guest Warren Haynes (June 8), Lone Star Shoot Out (June 9), Koko Taylor and Her Blues Machine (June 10) and Johnnie Taylor (June 11). All in all, festival goers will enjoy over 70 performances of live Blues on six stages, over the course of four days. The Chicago Blues Festival is programmed and produced by the Mayor's Office of Special Events. It would not be possible to present this incredible event free of charge to the public, without the generous support of our corporate sponsors. Sponsors include: Presenting Sponsor Best Buy; AIWA America, Inc.; American Resorts International; Ameritech; Amtrak; Best Western Inn of Chicago; Billy Goat Tavern & Grill; Buona Restaurant & Caterer; Chicago Transit Authority; Chicago Tribune; CLTV, Chicagoland's Television; Communications Direct; Connie's Pizza; Dean's Foods; Dominick's Finer

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Chicago sailor serves with top-notch aviation squadron



Story by Jeff Breslau and Photo by Tony Gray

Chicago's Devin E. Williams has discovered opportunity and reward while filling an important role in a Navy helicopter squadron. As a member of the "Easyriders" of Navy Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 37 (HSL-37), Williams works to ensure the continued readiness of one of the Navy's most storied anti-submarine squadrons.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Williams, the 22-year-old son of Emmet and Vivian Williams of Chicago, is an aviation radar and sonar operator at the squadron, based at Barbers Point, Hawaii. In this occupation, Williams detects and tracks submarines and surface ships.

"I do search and rescue and I run all the systems in the back of the helicopter," said Williams, a 1995 graduate of Mount Carmel High School.

Williams' expertise helps keep the squadron, which

flies the SH-60B Seahawk helicopter, operational and successful in their vital mission.

Using the Seahawk, Williams' squadron searches, tracks and coordinates attacks on enemy ships or submarines.

Helping to keep the squadron flying is one of many rewards Williams has found while on the job.

"I like that you get to fly, and the pilots and aircrew are really a solid team," Williams said.

Although the Navy's forward presence mission keeps its ships and squadrons from home for extended periods throughout the year, these routine deployments provide Sailors training, education, and personal growth opportunities.

"I have learned leadership, job skills, teamwork, and responsibility. All of them are good," said Williams, a three-year Navy veteran.

The Easyriders have been in existence for more than 25 years. They have provided operational contributions throughout their history, and Sailors like Williams ensure that HSL-37 will be prepared to answer the call the next time they are sent into harm's way.

(Breslau is a Navy public affairs officer assigned to the Navy Public Affairs Center at Naval Station, San Diego. Gray is a naval reserve photographer assigned to Naval Reserve Mobile Public Affairs Team San Diego Detachment 220.)

Garden society hosts bus trips

There are still openings on all bus trips. June 8 - Lake Geneva Cruise - \$49. June 24 Boerner Botanical Gardens in WI - \$15. July 29 - Milwaukee German Fest - \$20.

The Midway Garden Society is planning 1 day bus trips - June 8 - Lake Geneva Cruise

\$49. June 24 - Boerner Botanical Gardens in WI \$15. July 29 - Milwaukee GermanFest - \$20.

The next garden meeting will be Fri., June 23 at Kennedy High School basement 5624 S. Mobile at 6:45 p.m. Program: Small Space Gardening. A \$1 donation is requested at the door.

Illinois and Michigan canal tour June 10

Chicago IL, May 19 - A tour of the historic Illinois and Michigan Canal, including stops at canal locks and historic structures, will be held Saturday, June 10. The tour's motor-coach leaves from the Monadnock Building at 53 W. Jackson, Chicago, at 8:30 a.m. and returns there at 6 p.m.

The tour will include the Marseilles, Seneca and Ottawa portions of the canal, featuring stops at restored canal locks, canal era homes, government and commercial structures, historic railroad structures, and other canal-related buildings.

The tour cost \$35 per person, which includes lunch, and participants are encouraged to wear good walking shoes. Reservations may be made by calling (312) 814-1409 or by e-mail at heraclius60657@yahoo.com. The tour is sponsored by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Illinois Association of Historic Preservation Commissions.

The Illinois and Michigan Canal was built in the 1830s and 1840s to connect the Illinois River and Lake Michigan. The I & M Canal formed one of the nation's most successful man-made inland shipping waterways,

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Palos Bank and Trust President, Greg Paetow (far right) and an Irish leprechaun adopt the first two ducks in St. Coletta's Luck 'O the Duck fundraiser. The fundraiser will take place on July 9th during the Palos Hills Friendship Fest.

St. Coletta's luck 'o the duck fundraiser

You can adopt a rubber duck and win one of several cash prizes in St. Coletta's Luck 'O the Duck second annual fundraiser. All proceeds raised from this event will be designated to help with the cost of construction of the new Kennedy Vocational Training Center being built in Tinley Park.

On Monday, May 22nd, the first two official ducks were adopted at Palos Bank and Trust located at 12600 S. Harlem in Palos Heights. An original Irish leprechaun, along with Palos Bank and Trust President, Greg Paetow proudly adopted duck number 00001 and 00002.

On July 9th, during the

Palos Hills Friendship Fest, thousands of adopted ducks will be placed into a large pool located at 111th and 86th avenue in Palos Hills. Local dignitaries will "pluck" the winning ducks from the pool and several cash prizes will be awarded. Winners need not be present to win.

The only way to win a prize is to adopt a duck. The cost to adopt one duck is \$5 or you can purchase an entire flock of six (6) ducks for just \$25. The Grand Prize is a \$5,000 savings bond. The first place winner will be awarded \$1,000 in cash, followed by five additional cash prizes for 2nd through 6th place.

St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church's annual Grecian festival

St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church will host its Annual Grecian Festival on Saturday and Sunday July 8 and 9 on the church grounds, 12307 S. Ridgeland Avenue, Palos Heights, Illinois. Featured will be Greek food and pastries: souvlaki, chicker, gyros, loukoumades, baklava, and more.

Festival hours are Saturday, 4p.m. to midnight and Sunday, noon to 11p.m. Admission is \$2.00 for adults and children under 12 are free. Plenty of free parking is available. For information call (708) 385-2311.

The vote was Stagg school receives athletic fields

By Carlene E. OConner

On Thursday, June 1, the Palos Hills City Council voted 8 to 1 to support Stagg High school's proposal to build seven athletic fields south of the school. After much opposition of the Condo Row Association, the plan was accepted with little debate on Thursday. Alderman Pacek said, "They compromised and I accept this plan." Alderman Williams abstained from voting because his wife works as a secretary at the high school. Alderman Scurek said, "I voted

for what I thought was best for the city of Palos Hills. I am tired of all of the threats from residents. There are 10,000 acres of forest preserve where all the endangered species can go and live. The school is only asking for 11% of the total MWR acreage." Alderman Darlene Meier said she voted for the plan with reservations. Alderman Pauline Stratton, who supported the plan from the beginning, said she voted for it "with pleasure." Alderman Kleefisch said, "I did not vote for the plan out of respect for the alderman who wanted to

keep it as a nature sanctuary eighteen years ago. It was made an ordinance to be kept in perpetuity." After the vote, Mayor Bennett made a motion to acquire and preserve as a nature sanctuary the remaining 161 acres along the banks of the Calumet Sag Channel. The council voted unanimously to approve Bennett's request. After the meeting, John Vanlier president of Condo Row, although defeated said, "We are not giving up." He has contacted the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and wants their opinion before changing the land. He went on to say, "Stagg's plan here tonight is another farce and not very professional. I will fight this in court."

M.W.R.D. participates in household waste day

Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany, Vice President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has announced that the M.W.R.D. is looking forward to participating with the villages of the Southwest Conference of Local Governments, Moraine Valley Community College and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, in the 11th Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. The event will take place on Saturday, June 10, from 8 am to 3 pm at Moraine Valley College campus, 111th Street and South 88th Avenue, Palos Hills.

Chairman, Commissioner Meany, stated that this is a rare opportunity to rid your home of household waste products such as: anti-freeze, auto batteries, drain cleaners, flashlight batteries, fluorescent bulbs, fungicides, furniture strippers, household cleaners, and insecticides. Also, medicines, metal pol-



ishes, paint removers, paints, pool chemicals, solvents, used oils and weed killers.

The Commissioner asks that you please do not bring: explosives, fireworks, fire extinguisher powder, propane, smoke detectors or tires.

Strong dollar

The unprecedented strength of the U.S. dollar in relation to most European currencies, and particularly to the German mark, is proving to be a boon for North

American tourists to Germany. "A hotel room that cost \$200 in the summer of 1999, costs just \$150 in 2000," according to Udo Grebe, Director of the German National Tourist Office in North America. Similar cost reductions are in effect for all sorts of expenses in Germany this year, including restaurant meals, car rentals, train tickets, tours, cultural events and entrance fees to attractions. "This means," Grebe continued, "that a vacation in Germany - which was, anyway, always less costly than in many European countries - is truly an extraordinary bargain this year." In 1999, Americans spent some 4.3 million overnights in Germany. Early reports are showing that tourism in the first quarter of 2000 increased significantly, and the outlook for the remainder of 2000 is similarly optimistic.

In addition to the strength of the dollar, additional numbers of tourists are coming to Germany in 2000 for a variety of special events, including EXPO 2000 in Hanover, the Bach 2000 Festival being held throughout Germany, and the Passion Play season in Oberammergau.

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Gene research, bipolar and schizophrenia illnesses

What have we learned so far and what additional information is needed? The aim of this research is to develop better and more effective methods to diagnose and treat these serious mental illnesses. Details will be given

by Dr. McMahon of the University of Chicago who heads two multi-enter research studies in collaboration with the NIMH and John Hopkins University. If you want to volunteer for this research details will be given.

Meeting is held Tuesday, June 20th, 7:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 S. 51st Ave., Oak Lawn. For more information call Mike/Lois at (708) 425-0925.

Byrd school student wins bike safety poster contest

Second grader from Byrd School in Burbank, Amanda Anderson, won first place in a Bicycle Safety Poster Contest back in March of 2000. The contest was sponsored by the Illinois Secretary of State's Office. Maureen O'Connell, Amanda's second grade teacher, was the one who had mentioned the contest to her. She had learned about bicycle safety from her school's safety fair last year and spent two hours working on the poster. Amanda's poster was chosen from a total of 500 entries statewide. Her drawing is of a person riding a bicycle and wearing a helmet, with the state of Illinois bordering the poster. The caption for the poster says: "Be Safe, Be Alert, and You Won't Get Hurt!"

At Byrd school, Amanda

is enrolled in the Academic Talent Resource program, which is a gifted classroom program. Her teacher, Maureen O'Connell, says she has done well in everything she tries and is very proud of her.

Byrd school gave Amanda a ribbon and hanging in the school is a banner in honor of her. The principal of Byrd school, Anthony Budick, announced that Amanda won the state competition over the school intercom system. The Byrd Parent Teacher Association gave Amanda a stuffed rabbit, a congratulations balloon, and a ribbon that reads "I'm a winner."

On May 10, 2000, Amanda and her family attended an awards ceremony in Springfield to receive an award being presented to her by Secretary of State Jesse White.



(left to right) Secretary of State Jesse White, Amanda Anderson, and Kaylee Anderson.



(left to right) John and Melissa Anderson, secretary of state Jesse White, Amanda Anderson, Kaylee Anderson, Principal Anthony Budick, Maureen O'Connell.

St. Linus graduates

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Evergreen Park residents concerned about speed

by Jude Coyle

At the June 5 meeting of the Evergreen Park Village Board Meeting, Mayor Anthony Vacco announced the retirement of Police Chief Thomas Evoy, effective June 1. Chief Evoy has 35 years of experience with EP and will be sorely missed. Qualified applicants should send resumes to Mayor Vacco at the Village Hall no later than 4 p.m. on July 7. A party for Chief Evoy is being planned for August.

In the wake of Chief Evoy's retirement, Terry MacDonald and Debby Dovalina, residents of the 3500 block of W. 98th Street, address the Board about ongoing problems with speedsters. According to MacDonald, traffic has increased last Spring and again this Spring. Teenagers speed down 98th Street to Maple on their way to Circle Park, reaching speeds of 45 and 50. They are out there between 3 and 6:30 p.m. on weekdays, and all day long on weekends. Mrs. Dovalina said the teens also fly through the alley. Both MacDonald and Dovalina are concerned that

one of the numerous kids on the block will be hit. Mrs. Dovalina said she recognizes the cars and the teens and has tried to talk to them and their parents. The teens don't listen and their parents don't want to believe its their kids.

Deputy Chief Kenneth Klomhau has temporarily taken command. He instructed MacDonald and Dovalina to get license plate numbers and he'd take it from there. He said that 273 tickets had been issued to violators on 95th Street in May, which is higher than before. He said more tickets had been issued throughout the Village. He is concerned though, that to beef up patrols in one area another will suffer. Trustee Smith would like to see the Village purchase a portable radar. It would display the speed each car is traveling. He feels most would slow down if they realize how fast they're driving. Bill Murphy interrupted the meeting. He addressed the Board in April about this same problem. He feels the radar would offer teens a challenge to push the numbers on the display up to 50 or higher.

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King named Marist Valedictorian

John King, son of John and Jackie King of Evergreen Park, was named Valedictorian for the Class of 2000. He addressed his classmates at the Annual Commencement

Exercise held Saturday morning, June 3rd at Marist High School. White at Marist, King was a National Merit Finalist and a member of the Band, Jazz Band, Imperial Band, Track and Field, IHSA All State Academic Team, W.Y.S.E. and the Math Club. John is looking forward to beginning his studies at the University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana in the fall.

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Say it ain't so Joe

Oak Lawn Board of Trustees: June 13, 2000

Say it ain't so, Joe.

By: F.J. Soczek

Village of Oak Lawn Trustees have, in the last several years, spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to improve the visual aesthetics of the municipality.

Along 95th St., a rainbow of colorful floral annuals overflow their decorative plastic pots. Outside the Village Hall, a virtual carpet of blossoms is maintained by a professional landscaper who, using predominantly immigrant laborers, bills the taxpayers \$27.00 per hour for "clean-up type work." A crew of part-time "summer help" is traditionally hired for additional "support."

High above the finely manicured Village Green flutters a flag honoring the Village's "Tree City" designation. Additionally, a full-time "Forester" is employed to monitor arbor-related concerns. Tree planting is encouraged by implementing a 50-50 program that allows property owners a subsidy for purchases of selected trees for their parkways.

Village municipal code requires "minimum greenspace" utilization for construction and remodeling projects.

Landscaped "entryway signs" have been purchased and maintained with Federal

Block Grant funding. Each dollar allocated for these projects is done at the expense of low-income taxpayers who might use the funds for much needed home repairs.

Each year, a handful of residential gardeners assiduously maintain miniature plots on public property throughout the Village.

And this week, a half-dozen Oak Lawn homeowners will be publicly honored and receive plaques recognizing their efforts for beautification of the community.

Earlier this Spring, Oak Lawn resident Tom Stefanos purchased a handful of exotic hosta plants and artistically arranged them at the new Oakdale retention pond. Carrying buckets of water and fertilizer from his home, Stefanos lovingly nurtured the tender perennials.

Unlike the fragile annuals planted throughout most of the Village, the hardy hosta plants would emerge anew each season, even more beautiful than the year before.

But one day, Stefanos arrived to water the hostas, only to discover they were gone. He learned someone from the Public Works Dept., "Following orders," had dug up his plants and discarded them in a refuse heap with broken branches and lawn clippings.

No one from the Village would tell Tom who was responsible for such a pertinacious decision.

Fingers would point up the bureaucratic pecking order, followed by reproofs citing "liability issues" and "what would happen if everyone" decided to joyously celebrate nature. On public property.

The Village Board meeting witnessed additional denials of responsibility until, after persistent questioning, Village Manager Joe Faber admitted he gave the order to destroy the beautiful hostas.

The "liability" argument is tenuous at best. Can the same Village which condones (despite numerous complaints) an abandoned building (95th St. & 54th Ct.) with a massive, broken plate glass window hanging precipitously inches away from the sidewalk really be concerned with public "safety?"

Or could it be that the order to dig up the plants was a spiteful act of retribution against an individual who, in the past had the audacity to disagree with local governmental decisions?

Say it ain't so, Joe.

At a Planning and Development meeting held on July 6, 1998, the Commission unanimously approved a request by Stan Latek to rezone property located at 6210 W. 99th St. from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-3 (Multi-Family Residential).

Mr. Latek purchased the property with the intention of building a condominium.

Once a test is finished, it is out of her hands. If an employee tests positive, the medical reserve officer (her employee) steps in to review the results. Factors such as using mouth wash, the recent consumption of poppy seeds or the use of some prescription drugs might affect the outcome of the tests. If it is determined none of these factors are present, the next step is up to the employer. That could mean rehabilitation or discharging the employee.

Patricia Hamadeh is qualified to take breath and urine tests. She received her training at CMI in Kentucky.



The issue came before the Board of Trustees for routine approval and was "postponed" for 120 days for "further discussion."

The area was being considered for what Village Manager Joe Faber described as "comprehensive redevelopment."

On November 16, 1998, Mr. Latek wrote a letter to the Village Trustees inquiring about the status of their "discussion." It had been over 125 days and the existing building had sustained wind damage and needed demolition.

Meeting minutes of July 14, 1998 reflect: "If there was no interest from a developer, the rezoning could be approved."

Mr. Latek, anxious to develop his property, once again appeared before the Village Board June 13, 2000. It was over 2 years since his initial request, dated May 26, 1998.

"Wait till our next meeting," was their answer...



Veteran's Benefits

Mr. Henry White, Illinois Dept. of Veteran's Affairs and Mr. William Murphy, Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery are guest speakers at this informative and timely seminar which will include a discussion of the benefits available for those who served our country as a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard and their dependents or survivors. Information about the new Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery will also be shared. Ample time for questions and answers will be provided. Refreshments will be served.

We are pleased to continue our commitment of service to the families we have served and the community by providing information and assistance through seminars. We look forward to having you as our guest!

It will be held at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 W. 95th Street on Tuesday, June 27, 2000 at 7 p.m.

Please give us a call at (708) 425-0500 and let us know you will attend.

Drug and alcohol testing company opens

by Jude Coyle

The Evergreen Park Village Board approved a business regulation license for a company named Breath Taking Alcohol, Inc. Their office will open at 3214 W. 95th Street. Breath Taking Alcohol, Inc., is owned and operated by Patricia Hamadeh. Mrs. Hamadeh is a registered nurse, and a certified breath, drug and alcohol technician. She has been working out of her home for the past 7 years, but has found the need to ex-

pand. Her work requires confidentiality, which is becoming harder and harder at home. The company performs on site drug and alcohol testing for companies like Tootsie Roll and Nalco Chemical. She is called in to conduct breath and urine tests after accidents, randomly or when an employee is suspected of alcohol or drug abuse. She is most concerned with safety factors involved with CDL and bus drivers.

Trip to Chicago botanic garden

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a trip to the Chicago Botanic Garden on Monday, July 24. An in-person registration will be held Saturday, June 24 at 9-11 a.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., near their Raymond Avenue entrance. The cost is \$32 for Friends members and \$34 for others. It includes deluxe coach transportation, an evening tram tour of the gardens, reserved seating in McGinley Pavillion for the Carillon Concert and a boxed dinner. The bus will depart at 3:30 p.m. Advance tickets were sold to Friends members at their Annual Dinner Meeting, June 1. After the in-person registration closes, call Genevieve Sobanski, trip chair, (708) 598-7971, after 4 p.m.

Andrzej Ziemianczyk joined the U.S. Army

Andrzej P. Ziemianczyk has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Chicago, Ill. Ziemianczyk will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. He is the son of Irena N. Ziemianczyk of 5142 S. Lorel Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Water Testing

On May 18, 2000, ten sixth graders from St. Gerald School went to meet with the Mayor of Oak Lawn to present seven years of water testing data. These students were representing the 300 children who have completed yearly water testing for the past seven years at a local stream known as Stony Creek. The water tests that were completed were dissolved oxygen, fecal coliform, phenol red, phosphate, nitrates, turbidity, total solids temperature, and biochemical oxygen demand.

These ten students were first asked to attend a Youth Environmental Summit at the Field Museum. This is where the students set up an Action Plan to go see the Mayor. It has taken all the students of St. Gerald School a very long time to make sure the data was accurate, the charts were correct, and that they were ready to present their information to the Mayor.

Data and mathematical calculations for Stony Creek water tests have been completed. We are so happy that Mayor Kolb met with our ten class representatives. They met to discuss our findings and to thank the Mayor and his advisors for the work being done to bring Stony

Creek back to its biodiversified beauty.

A copy of *Meanderings '99. Rivers of the United States* was presented by Mrs. Mann. She and so many other parents represent the true spirit of St. Gerald. The '99 edition includes writing by this year's 7th grade class. We have sent in this year's data, art works and writings for publication for next year's edition 2001. *Meanderings* is edited by Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and is printed by the Dept. of Natural Resources in Springfield, Illinois. It is sent to the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. If you are on vacation in Washington, do stop and read, or much closer to home you can read these publications in our own school library or the Oak Lawn Library.

The students at St. Gerald School would first like to say thank you to the wonderful teachers and staff who have made this possible. Without the teachers the children would never have been able to make a difference in the environment. The students would also like to thank their parents who have helped them through the testing. Finally the children would like to thank Mayor Kolb who helped us make a difference.



Students from St. Gerald School meet with Mayor Kolb regarding quality of water in Stony Creek.

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Food safety for seniors

The human body's ability to fight illness becomes less effective with age. Even small mistakes when handling food can cause an older person to become ill. As an older person, your body now produces less stomach acid, which limits your ability to fight against bacteria that can grow in food that is not handled properly.

You can't always rely on your senses to detect spoiled or contaminated food. Spoiled foods do not always change in smell, taste, appearance or texture. Important things to remember are:

- * Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.
- * Refrigerate leftovers as soon as possible.
- * Eat leftovers within 3-4 days.
- * Thoroughly heat leftover food before serving.
- * Never leave perishable food at room temperature for more than 2 hours.

When preparing food at

home, keep your work areas clean, including all utensils. Wash your hands often. Always use different utensils for raw and cooked foods to avoid cross-contamination. Make sure frozen foods are kept frozen solid. Refrigerated items should feel cold when removed from the refrigerator. Remember: when in doubt - throw it out!

The top 8 causes of foodborne illnesses are:

1. Failure to properly refrigerate food.
2. Failure to thoroughly heat or cook food.
3. Infected person who practices poor hygiene.
4. Foods prepared a day or more before they are served.
5. Raw ingredients incorporated into foods that receive no further cooking.
6. Foods left at room temperature for an extended period of time.
7. Failure to reheat cooked foods to temperatures that kill growing bacteria.

8. Cross-contamination of cooked foods with raw items either by food being mishandled, or through improperly cleaned equipment.

Even food cooked in a spotless kitchen by the most meticulously clean person can still cause foodborne illness. Most foodborne illness lasts from one to three days with symptoms much like the intestinal flu...cramps, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, sometimes accompanied by headache, fever, and muscle aches. If you experience any of these symptoms, you may want to contact your physician.

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Four new Washington Hotels join Washington DC accommodations' select group

Washington DC Accommodations, the largest hotel reservations service in the metropolitan Washington area, recently enlisted four new hotels for its Washington Select program, an elite group of hotels selected for excellence in overall guest experience. The hotels are the Four Points Sheraton Washington DC Downtown, located at 1201 K Street, NW; the St. Gregory Hotel, at 2033 M Street, NW; the Washington Suites Georgetown, 2500 Pennsylvania Avenue; and the Residence Inn Arlington at Rosslyn at 1651 N. Oak Street, two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro.

"We are very happy to add these four hotels to Washington Select," said Washington DC Accommodations co-owner Nancy Riker. "These hotels, and all of the Washington Select member hotels, are carefully chosen based on how they meet the travelers' expectations for quality and value. We don't just read a hotel's literature, we rate everything from the physical details, like the attractiveness of the rooms and the quality of the amenities, to the

intangible details, like the friendliness and responsiveness of the staff, and the 'personality' of the hotel. In truth, it's the intangibles that can make or break a hotel, regardless of how tastefully appointed the rooms and common areas might be."

Washington DC Accommodations co-owner Marilyn Matthews added, "It's not just about discounted rates, although that's important. Our customers also rely on us to select the hotel that best meets their travel needs. As such, we have to be knowledgeable about the service and amenities of all the hotels in the area, and the Washington Select hotels get our collective stamp of approval. This kind of knowledge and first-hand experience is what sets us apart from non-local reservations competitors."

Located just five miles from Ronald Reagan National Airport in the heart of the downtown business district, the new Four Points Sheraton offers 265 rooms and suites, including club level rooms, disabled facilities, a restaurant and lounge, an indoor rooftop pool, and a business center. In addition,

all rooms feature homelike amenities including high-speed Internet access, dual phone lines, a free newspaper, a coffeemaker, an iron and ironing board, and a hairdryer. The hotel is scheduled to open July 1, 2000.

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Phone number for historic Rose hotel

The telephone number to make reservations for the state's oldest bed and breakfast, the Rose Hotel State Historic Site in Elizabethtown, is: (618) 287-2872. An incorrect phone number was listed with the original May 1 announcement about the hotel's opening. The 1812-vintage Rose Hotel opened May 1 following a two-year, \$1.5 million state-funded restoration project. It features five guest rooms with balconies overlooking the nearby Ohio River, as well as a breakfast

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Peace students receive honors from Lewis University

(Burbank) Queen of Peace juniors (left to right) Nicole Steigerwald (Oak Lawn), Cara DeLacey (Burbank) and Colleen Fehlauer (60th Kilpatrick) were recognized recently by Lewis University for the essays they submitted to the Doctor Henry Smorynski Literary Competition. Approximately 100 local high school students submitted essays addressing the question: How does conformity threaten our democratic culture? The essays written by Steigerwald, DeLacey and Fehlauer were among the top ten selected as winners and have been published in the Lewis University *Epiphantes*.

Peace faculty member and Advanced Placement English teacher Elaine Andrysiak encouraged all

three young women to submit their work to Lewis University. Fehlauer's work took second place among the 100 applicants. In addition to the rigors of Advanced Placement Language Composition, Fehlauer is also taking Advanced Placement U.S. History. She credits these two courses with preparing her to think critically and respond articulately to the essay question. After high school she plans to attend Dominican University and major in education.

DeLacey and Steigerwald also placed in the top ten; they each take Advanced Placement Language Composition and Advanced Placement History. DeLacey would like to study medicine after high school, and plans a career in pediatric medicine. Steigerwald holds the distinction of being number one in the Class of 2001. She is also one of only 31 students selected from a group of nearly 300 nominations to be chosen as member of the Future Leaders of Chicago program.

Separated survived

The St. Fabian Phoenix Group for Separate, Divorced and Widowed individuals who meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month will feature Father Terry Deffenbaugh on June 22, 2000 will speak on "Feelings and Communication." This meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center 7450 W. 83rd Street, Bridgeview. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will start at 8:00 p.m. Further information can be obtained by calling Deacon Ken at (708) 458-8923 or Tom and Marianne (708) 499-5377.

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Sheriff's "swap crews" cleaning up around town

Labor crews from the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) will be working in Evergreen Park on June 23, as a public service to the taxpayers of Cook County, according to the Office of Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan.

The SWAP program is made up of non-violent offenders charged with DUI and other misdemeanor crimes who "swap" jail time for a community service sentence. Under the supervision of specially trained sheriff's deputies, the crews work throughout the county on a variety of public works projects such as cleaning parks, viaducts and streets.

"The SWAP Program serves our county well because it saves taxpayers millions of dollars," said Sheriff Sheahan. "SWAP provides our communities with a free labor source and it helps to combat jail crowding and the costs associated with that problem. It also provides tough yet meaningful rehabilitation to the offenders by allowing them to pay their debts to society in a productive fashion." For further information about SWAP call (708) 865-4960.

Medical care & prescription drugs available for free

Financial Assistance Network in Washington, DC has just published a new booklet, "Free & Low Cost Medical Care." The booklet includes information on how and where to get free and low cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program.

The Hill-Burton program has been in effect for over 50 years providing more than 35 billion dollars in free and low cost care to qualified participants. The program was established in 1946 to assist in the construction and modernization of hospitals and medical care facilities. Nearly 6 billion dollars in grants and loans were given to 7,000 facilities in over 4,000 communities. In exchange, the facilities agreed to provide a reasonable amount of services to persons residing in the local community who are unable to pay.

"There are currently 687 facilities that provide free or low cost medical care. Over 1100 prescription drugs are also available for free or very low cost to qualified individuals. Unfortunately, many qualified people do not take advantage of these programs because there is rarely any publicity to in-

the public," says Paul Navestad, founder of Financial Assistance Network.

"A step by step outline guides consumers through the process of finding a participating facility, and applying to determine their eligibility for free or low cost care."

Financial Assistance Network is an organization established by volunteers dedicated to helping people who cannot afford medical care or prescription medication. The primary purposes of Financial Assistance Network are to inform potentially qualified applicants about the patient assistance programs for which they appear eligible and assist them in the enrollment process.

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and

handling to: Financial Assistance Network - Free & Low Cost Medical Care Booklet - Dept. MCB-0608 - P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. Consumers can also get more information by calling (202) 595-1039, or visit the website: www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.

Free Ravinia Lawn passes

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will offer a limited number of free lawn passes to select Ravinia Festival performances this summer. No popular artists. Patrons may stop by the Ravinia display in the library's lobby for a complete listing of program guidelines and a schedule of available concert dates. Sets of free passes (2 or 3) will be distributed to Oak Lawn residents on a first-come, first-served basis.

For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.



Only a few can make it

By: Annette Dixon

Keith Kaufhold, resident of Tinley Park is just one of five Eagle Scouts recently inducted into the rank at the ceremony for Boy Scout Troop 442.

Keith, graduate of Andrew High School, son of Keith and Peggy Kaufhold, has been in scouting for 11 years. Only 2 percent of the Boy Scouts ever attain the

rank of Eagle Scout. He will be attending MVCC in the fall and hopes to be on the hockey team and track team some day.

Keith Kaufhold, Eagle Scout, takes time to thank his grandmother Oak Lawn resident, Judy Kaufhold and aunt also Oak Lawn resident, Linda Steiner.

St. Laurence announces Summerfest entertainment

Officials associated with St. Laurence High School's "Summerfest 2000" have announced details on the upcoming summer event which will take place from Thursday, June 22 to Sunday, June 25. St. Laurence is located at 77th and Central in Burbank. "Summerfest 2000" will feature a giant carnival midway, nightly bingo in the cafeteria, a beer garden with entertainment, games of skill and chance, and food vendors.

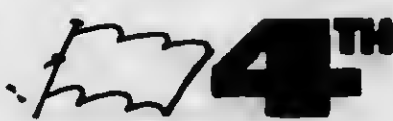
The entertainment in the beer garden will feature former Chicago Bears and WGN personality Glen Kozlowski on Thursday evening. On Friday evening, the St. Laurence Jazz Band will kick things off at 6:00 p.m. followed by the "Country Roads Band" and radio station US 99's Bill Garcia at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, "American English" will rock the fest with their tribute to the

"Beatles." They will play at 8:00 p.m. Then on Sunday, a local band "Gigglewater," returns to close out "Summerfest 2000" with oldies starting at 7:00 p.m. "Gigglewater" features two St. Laurence Grads. "Summerfest 2000" will offer special midway prizes. The popular "Mega Pass" returns. This enables unlimited rides during the entire fest for just \$30.00.

The pass must be purchased prior to the start of the event. On Thursday night, rides are just \$1.00 each from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. On Saturday, you can ride from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. for just \$15.00.

For more information on "Summerfest 2000," please contact the school at (708) 458-6900.





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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By Kathy Whirity



Addictions

I received an unexpected call the other day, from a reader who wanted to share with me her feelings on a subject not so easily discussed in social circles. She is still reeling from the shock of losing a close friend. His death was not caused by the mortality of cancer, the suddenness of a heart attack, or even the unpredictability of a traffic accident. Death came at his own hand, and as I listened to this soft-spoken woman, I could sense the confusion and deep regret in her voice.

As with any suicide, the pain that a loved one leaves behind in the wake of their self-induced absence, is often the most unbearable loss to accept. But this caller had an even more complicated issue on her mind. She began by telling me a little bit about her friend.

To the unsuspecting eye, this man had everything going for him. He loved life and lived it to the fullest. He was a firm believer that getting kids involved in sports would deter negative behavior, which is why he volunteered so much of his time to coaching children's sports. His never-ending sense of humor was, without a doubt, a guaranteed pick me up when friends needed a laugh. But, perhaps what will be most sorely missed will be his quiet strength, which was a constant source of comfort to those who knew and loved him. And now, the heart-breaking reality that no one could help him, in what would be his greatest hour of need, doesn't make it any easier to cope with this sudden loss.

Oh -- and there was something else -- he had an addiction to gambling. This revelation, I was finding out, is what prompted her to call me. Gambling can become a serious, compulsive, addiction. It is a demon capable of destroying your perception of life, just as surely as drugs and alcohol do. It destroys lives, and hopes, and dreams. The effects can leave irreversible rifts in friendships and relationships, and without proper treatment, the tragic consequence is sometimes death. It's difficult for anyone to comprehend how a loyal, decent, hardworking and dedicated individual could let themselves get caught up in such self-destruction. But sadly, it happens more often than we think.

The caller hopes that more attention will be focused on coping with gambling as an addiction, and that it will be treated as the disease that it is, instead of being misinterpreted as a fault in

personality. Just as any disease, gambling is as capable of eating away at a person's soul as ruthlessly as any cancer deteriorates one's body.

At a time when casinos seem to be popping up almost as fast as Walgreens stores, it's a sure bet that more and more lives will be snared into the lure of the roll of the dice or the luck of the draw, to which not everyone wins.

In ending our conversation, I assured the caller I would do my best to relay her message that the lying, cheating, and hurt caused by this insidious disease, is not a purposeful, intentional act of betrayal, but rather the side effects of a distressing affliction. I preferred not to use any names here, simply because it is not the messenger, but the meaning of the message that is relevant.

We all know of someone who has suffered the pitfalls of addiction. It really doesn't matter if the obsession is caused by alcohol, drugs, or gambling -- what's important to remember that it's the addiction, and not the person, that should be scorned. And thanks to the sincerity of this thoughtful caller, we all may want to keep this in mind.

No simple story

Champaign, Ill. -- The United States has a new dollar coin, and a hip George Washington is making the pitch for it on television. But at least as intriguing as the dancing, snorkeling George is the choice of Sacajawea, a Lemhi Shoshone Indian, to grace the coin itself -- and how she has been "packaged for consumption" over more than a century, says University of Illinois education professor Wanda Pillow. Sacajawea was the only woman and only Indian on the Lewis and Clark Expedi-

tion of 1804-06 -- and has become probably the most famous member of the party besides Lewis and Clark.

In fact, there are more U.S. statues dedicated to Sacajawea than to any other woman, Pillow noted. One reason, she believes, is a symbolic value that goes beyond the role Sacajawea likely played. Starting around 1900, with the Indian wars over and the expedition centennial approaching, it became popular to portray Sacajawea as an "Indian

maiden" who guided white men west, thereby aiding the cause of Manifest Destiny, Pillow said. "She was held up during the early 1900s as an enlightened figure, as someone who knew it was right to help open up Indian country to European-American settlement." One 1904 book even suggested a romance between Sacajawea and Clark.

The Suffragettes also saw her as a useful role model for women's equality. "Not only did she walk the trail with Lewis and Clark, but she did it with a baby on her back," Pillow said. Suffragette leader Susan B. Anthony, featured on the previous dollar coin, praised Sacajawea's "patriotic deeds."

In recent decades, Sacajawea no longer is portrayed as guiding the expedition, and most historians now discount that role, Pillow said. Now, however, in classrooms and popular history, Sacajawea and a black slave in the party named York serve the traditional notion of Manifest Destiny as important figures in a new multicultural version of the story, Pillow said. It's a repackaging of the story that still holds onto traditional

and often misleading assumptions. Pillow became fascinated with Sacajawea after seeing a public television documentary and reading several new books on the expedition.

"I wanted to know how it is that she's captured our attention for so long when we know so little about her," she said. Lewis and Clark mention her less than 70 times in daily journals over two years, Pillow noted, and most references are to gathering food or basic chores. She joined the expedition as a slave "wife" to a fur trader hired by Lewis and Clark. "While Clark's dog is listed on some of the expedition rosters, Sacajawea and York never are," Pillow said.

As an Indian woman and a black slave, their status didn't change after the expedition, "nor did it change for their people for a very long time after that," Pillow hopes the new coin will be used by educators to draw attention to complex issues, like United States-Indian relations, both past and present. She's concerned, however, that Sacajawea will still be seen in the "simple, romantic way" that Indians have been for more than a century.

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Meet Evergreen Parks commisioner and Director of Recreational Services - Dennis Duffy

By: Carlene E. O'Connor

From years of experience Dennis Duffy is a successful and motivated Commissioner and Director of Recreational Services for Evergreen Park.

His job includes coordination of all activities including the arts, tap, ballet, sports, tennis, basketball, karate and soccer.

Duffy says what he likes most about his job is creating new programs for residents. He loves to see activities grow and currently has about two people involved in the soccer program.

With the amount of pressure he is under, he says there are no "drawbacks to what I do. I have wonderful people to work with and look forward to each day."

Duffy's education is from Lewis University with a BA and he is working on a masters degree from DuPaul. Before he became Commissioner he worked as an assistant touching all bases for his

dad who was Director at the time. He is married and has two children Erin (24) and Dennis (23). They live in Evergreen Park.

For fun Duffy likes to play golf.

The Department of Recreation is located at 3450 West 97th Street. The money for the programs are all self supported and the department itself is not a taxing body. It employs around 60-65 part-time people.

Some goals Duffy has set for the department in the future are more soccer fields, more facilities, an outdoor ice rink, and more softball fields.

He says the mayor and village board are very cooperating and helping him to make it a reality. The money will come from the General Revenue Fund.

Duffy says he like to be remembered by people as

being a good person and someone who did his job well.

The big event this year is the 12th Annual Day in the Park Saturday, June 24. It will be held next to the Community Center at 11:30 - 9 p.m. with food vendors, a beer garden, bands, D.J. Rob Tawry and Kevin Malloy. For more information call the Recreation Department at (708) 229-3373.

The 32nd Annual Independence Parade will be held Friday, June 30 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The line of march for the parade is from 95th and Pulaski Avenue East to Francisco Avenue, to 91st Street, where the parade will disband. The parade will be followed by a brilliant fireworks display at Martin B. Dufy Memorial Park, 92nd and Millard. Everyone is invited. Be there for all the fun and excitement.



Happiness is doing what you like to do

By: Carlene E. O'Connor

When people talk about their jobs many times they complain about it and consider it dreary on the flipside in rare instances you meet people who love their careers and Jolene Churak is one of these people.

Jolene is the Director of Services for Seniors in Evergreen Park. Before her present position she worked

as the Assistant Director for 10 1/2 years. Her experience also stems from working 20 years in the private sector at the Oak Lawn Convalescent Center.

Jolene says what she likes most about her job is the people. When asked if there was anything about her duties she didn't like, she said, "there was nothing and she enjoyed them all!" She is in

charge of all daily operations of the facility.

Jolene said, "People have come here for twenty-five years. My job is wonderful and a place where you can hang your hat and everyone knows your name."

The center where she works caters to seniors from Evergreen Park and neighboring towns. It has seniors for staff. As she puts it, "Its seniors helping seniors." There are many activities including exercise sessions and a bus service. The senior council helps to plan activities and meets regularly.

Jolene is especially proud of the Double Nickel Chorus. These seniors make their own costumes and put on variety acts for the center and other facilities. They work very hard at putting on a good quality show.

Jolene has been an Evergreen Park resident nearly all her life.

Jolene enjoys the computer for fun, waterskiing, and shopping for bargains. She is very family orientated and tries to spend time with her extended family as much as possible with her busy schedule.

When asked how she like to be remembered she said as kind, a good listener, fair, and someone who helped others.

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Evergreen Park Public Library's summer reading programs

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READ for the fun of it! Evergreen Park Public Library's Summer Read- ing Program

Registration continues for READ for the fun of it!, the Evergreen Park Public Library summer reading program, 9400 S. Troy. Children can either read by themselves

or have someone read to them. Everyone earns free prizes by logging the number of minutes read between June 12 and July 26. Every child who reaches his or her summer reading goal receives a free ticket to the Cook County Cheetahs baseball game on August 17. Registration must be done in person, and each child has to present his or her library card at time of sign up.

Chalk One Up For Reading

Express your artistic abilities with chalk at Evergreen Park Public Library, 9400 S. Troy, on Tuesday, June 13, at 2:00 p.m. Help decorate the sidewalk around the library for summer reading and play sidewalk games. Grades K and up. Rain date Thursday, June 15, at 2:00 p.m. Children must be registered in the reading program to join in the summer activities. Call the library at (708) 422-8522 for more information.

Theater Appreciation Se- ries

Evergreen Park Public Library and the 99th Street Summer Theater at McAuley High School invite parents

and children to a series of four weekly theater appreciation workshops beginning on Wednesday, June 14. Read and discuss the play *Oklahoma* for two sessions at the library. Then join Pat Haynes, managing director of the Theatre, for a pre-performance theater visit to talk about play production. The final week, attend *Oklahoma* and meet the actors during a backstage tour. Intended for students in grade 4 and up. This cooperative effort is made possible by a contribution from Hawkinson Ford Friends of the Community Program.

Junior High School wins national blue ribbon award

Central Junior High School has been selected as a 2000 Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education. The Blue Ribbon, the most prestigious education award in the country, distinguished Central Junior High School for its excellence in leadership teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement and community support.

Principal Longo said the award represents a great honor for the students, teachers, staff members, and parents of Central Junior High School. "It's a powerful validation of the hard work and commitments that have led to our focus on quality and continuing improvement," Mrs. Longo said adding, "this is just the beginning of our journey. We've reached these high standards and the Blue Ribbon award inspires us to even greater achievements."

The Department of Education cited Central Junior High School for its outstanding programs and characteristics of the school.

Central Junior High School is one of ten junior high, middle schools, and high schools in the State of Illinois and one of 198 in the nation to receive this prestigious honor. Established in 1982, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program celebrates elementary and secondary schools in alternate years and has evolved to place a strong emphasis on school improvement. To date, more than 3,500 public and private schools have been recognized.

Representatives from the school will attend a national ceremony in the fall in Washington D.C. where they will be congratulated by education officials and receive a Blue Ribbon flag and commemorative plaque.

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Come celebrate parks and recreation Month in June with Evergreen Park

Many exciting events and activities are planned for the village of Evergreen Park by the Evergreen Park Recreation Department in celebration of Parks and Recreation Month in June as proclaimed by Illinois Governor George Ryan.

Some of the activities planned for the month of June are: A free concert in the Park on Sunday, June 11th featuring Leo Henning and the Southwest Community Band, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Klein Park, 97th & Homan.

The Annual "Day in the Park" and 5K Run on Saturday, June 24th. 5K Run registration starting 7:30 a.m. Run starting at 8:30 a.m. "Day in the Park" festivities starting at 11:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Hamilton B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th Street and also in Klein Park, 97th & Homan.

The Annual "Independence Day Parade" on Friday, June 30th starting at 6:30 p.m.

"Residents of Evergreen Park can look forward to a wide variety of special

events and programs during the month of June," said Dennis L. Duffy, Commissioner & Director Recreational Services. "In addition to sports leagues, summer camps and concerts, which improve quality of life in our community, the Evergreen Park Recreation Department provides health and fitness programs for all age groups, as well as other social services."

"The role of park districts, forest preserves and recreation agencies is changing," said Dr. Ted Flickinger, executive director of the Illinois Association of Park Districts. "Local park districts, forest preserves and recreation agencies have grown beyond sports and entertainment and are addressing concerns such as

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Park districts, forest preserves and recreation agencies make communities better places to live. Their programs and services provide health benefits, social benefits and economic benefits to the people of their communities.

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For more information about the Evergreen Park Recreation Department programs and services, call the Evergreen Park Recreation Department at (708) 229-3373 or 229-3374.

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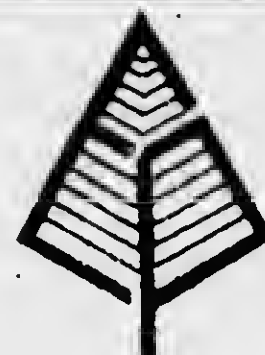
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Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to the Chicago Botanical Garden on Friday, June 30. The bus leaves the Palos Hills Golf Course, 7301 W. 105th St. at 9:00 a.m. and returns at 4:00 p.m. The fee is \$15.00 (lunch is on your own). Register at the Palos Hills Park Department office, 8017 W. 103rd St. For more information call 430-4500.

Deep River Waterpark

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to the Deep River Waterpark, in Crown Point, Indiana on Tuesday, July 11. The bus will leave the Palos Hills Golf Course, 7301 W. 105th St. at 8:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome (children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult). The fee is \$20.00 (includes entry to the park and transportation only), lunch and refreshments are on your own. Register now at the Park Department office.

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The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Great America on Friday, July 21. The bus leaves the Palos Hills Golf Course at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$29.00 (fee includes transportation and admission). For ages 6th - 12th grade. Stop by the Park Department office and register now before all the tickets are sold out.

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Chicago Bulls Basketball Camp

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department along with Hickory Hills is offering the Chicago Bulls Basketball Camp, from July 31 to August 4. This camp is for children age's 6-14 years old. Camp will be held at Krueger Park, Hickory Hills, 9100 S. 88th Ave. from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Rookies) and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Veterans). The fee is \$189.00. Register now at Krueger Park. For more information call 430-4500.

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Middle school:
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Rick Ryan receives AFL-CIO endorsement

18th District State Senate candidate Rick Ryan (D-Evergreen Park) has been endorsed by the Illinois State AFL-CIO, which represents more than one million working men and women.

Ryan is challenging incumbent Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) in the November 7th general election.

"I am honored to receive the backing of this state's most prestigious labor organizations, and this endorsement is unquestionably a huge boost to my surging campaign," said Ryan. "As the next State Senator from the 18th District, I will work tirelessly to protect the rights of every working man and woman in Illinois."

"I thank AFL-CIO for their support, and I'm certain the grassroots efforts their members will provide my campaign will help make me the next State Senator from the 18th District."

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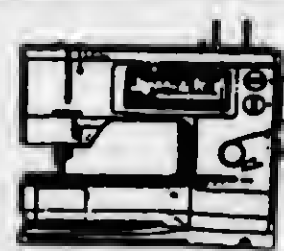
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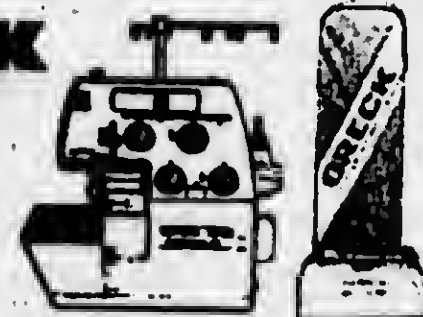
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Lipinski votes to eliminate death tax

On June 9, 2000, Congressman Bill Lipinski voted to eliminate the estate tax, also known as the "death tax," over a ten year period. Before passing the measure, H.R. 8, by a vote of 279 to 136, the House of Representatives narrowly defeated a substitute by a vote of 196 to 222.

"The death tax is the epitome of double taxation. Small business owners and family farmers pay taxes throughout their lifetime. For the government to collect another tax-- sometimes up to 55%--on the family assets after the loss of a loved one is wrong. We need to reward the values of family and hard work, not tax them. I am pleased that the House of Representatives has voted to do away with this unfair tax that penalizes people for living the American Dream," said Lipinski.

Current law allow the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to take up to 55% of the value of a person's estate, family business or farm when the owner passes away. H.R. 8 would provide for a in repeal of estate, gift, and generation-skipping taxes. Prior to full repeal in 2010, the estate, gift tax, and the generation-skipping tax rates would be reduced incrementally. Beginning in 2001, the unified estate and gift tax credit would be replaced by an exemption.

"While I support full repeal of the estate tax, I voted for the substitute to H.R. 8 because it was a fiscally responsible compromise that stressed the need to view estate tax relief in a larger budget picture, and it would have given immediate relief to small business people. However, I still think it is important to take a stand against

this unfair and immoral tax on death by voting to repealing it outright," Lipinski explained regarding his "yea" votes on both the substitute and final passage. "Now it is my hope that the Senate and the President look favorably upon this legislation and enact it for the benefit of millions of Americans who either pay the tax or break up family owned businesses to avoid paying the death tax."

Spaghetti dinners at the VFW post in Chicago Ridge

The McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge VFW Post & Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale on the first Thursday of each month.



finally come to pass," said Viverito, who also serves as Township Supervisor. "In the past, the Sanitary District has had no available reserves to rely on when a rupture or other disaster would strike the area. This project is long overdue."

Also receiving funding will be the Stickney Burbank Senior Citizen Center. The money will allow for various site improvements to the center. "This money will enable us to continue to provide excellent services and programs for the area's senior citizens," added Viverito. "I hope that these improve-



Sertoma Aids Homebound

Burbank Sertoma club presents check for \$2,000 to Stickney township Office on Aging for use in its home care program that provides chore housekeeping and other services for the elderly who are homebound. Left to right in above picture are Robert Peters, Ed Buckingham, Fire Chief Marty Kreil, Sertoma treasurer presenting check to Joan Wileman, director of the Office on Aging, Lou Viverito, township supervisor, Don Kramer and Lou Opitz.

ments allow more area seniors to take advantage of the facility."

The Senator stated he believes that one of his most important duties as a state legislator is to ensure that his constituents' tax dollars are spent wisely.

"With the Illinois economy as strong as it has been in recent years, it is important to continue to invest in our community's facilities and infrastructure," said that Senator. "I am eager to see that both are accomplished."

Aglo International presents Sal Solo

Our Oak Lawn Lighthouse and South Suburban Lighthouse will meet together for a special dinner meeting. Located at Rosewood West Banquets at 131st and Cicero, Crestwood, Illinois. It will be held Monday, June 26, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. A \$15.00 charge will be required.

Sal Solo, musician, painter, and speaker once was a popular British rock star, playing to crowds in 30 countries of up to 25,000 people. However, after a life changing experience, that all changed. Now he writes Christian music based on Bible passages and shares his powerful testimony in schools, prisons, and churches. Along with his music, a giant screen brings Bible stories to life with a video presentation of his colorful paintings. Sal's work breaks through all age and denominational barriers and touches hearts in a special way. Bring your family (over 10 years old) to share in this special evening. Call Cyndee for reservations by June 19th at (708) 479-9291.

Viverito secures \$1.2 million

Springfield, IL - The Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) recently announced the release of funds for two projects that will greatly benefit the residents of Stickney Township. The money was secured by State Senator Louis S. Viverito (D-Burbank).

The majority of the money will be used to provide water main and pump station improvements for the Central Stickney Sanitary District. The district will receive the money after spending over twenty years attempting to find the funding for the project.

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Sheriff receives law enforcement award

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan (center) was presented with the Illinois State Bar Association's Law Enforcement Award by Representative Tom Dart (right) and Cheryl Nero, President of the Illinois State Bar Association.

Sheahan was nominated for the award by Representative Dart for the technological advances he has made

within the Sheriff's Department to insure the safety of the citizens of Cook County. Some of the new programs include:

- * Creating the Child Exploitation Task Force, which is dedicated to investigating child sexual abuse with an emphasis on crimes on the internet
- * Being the first agency in

Illinois to post the names and photos of convicted sex offenders on the internet

- * Installing a video booking system to conduct bond hearings for individuals arrested on drug charges via video hook-up
- * Mounting video cameras in squad cars to help insure the safety of both motorists and police officers

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- Section 51 meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-11:50 a.m. for four weeks, beginning July 10.
- Section 53 meets Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. for four weeks, beginning July 10.

Tuition is \$44 per credit hour plus books and fees. Registration is underway.

Information on courses, times, and dates is available in the Moraine Valley summer semester schedule of courses. For more information on registration, phone (708) 974-2110, or visit the Moraine Valley Website at www.moraine.cc.il.us. For more information, phone Barbara Dargis, College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742.

Productivity, not profits, rises with increasing use of part-timers

Champaign, IL -- The use of "contingent" workers in the United States has increased labor productivity but not necessarily employer profits, according to a wide-ranging study by scholars at the University of Illinois and other institutions.

One of the most striking changes in recent years has been the emergence of part-time, on-call, free-lance and other workers. Collectively known as "contingent" workers because they work under terms that differ from regular full-time employment, they constitute the fastest growing segment of the labor market.

As many as 40 million Americans now work under such arrangements. The nature and implications of contingent work are the subject of a book to be published by the Industrial Relations Research Association, whose national office has moved to the UI Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations.

"During the 1900s, the hallmark features of the labor market, including long-term mutual attachments of a firm and a worker, have been fading," notes Marianne Ferber, UI professor emerita

of economics who is co-editing the book. "There is a good deal of disagreement not only about the extent of changes in the employment arrangements, but about their advantages and disadvantages for workers, employers and the economy."

Thirty researchers have contributed to the upcoming IRRR book, and their research papers draw a number of conclusions, including: * Employers rather than employees favor non-standard work arrangements. * As measured by wages, productivity, legal risks and ease of discharge, non-standard "flexible" work benefits employers. These benefits, however, have not so far been translated into a measurable increase in employer earnings. * Not all non-standard jobs are of poor quality. In particular, older men who are self-employed generally earn more than men doing similar work in regular full-time jobs. * An important predictor of earnings of non-standard workers is education. Well-educated contingent workers are typically well paid, such as the "permatemps" at Microsoft Corp., but they do not gener

ate benefits as regular full-time employees. * Gender and race heavily affect the earnings of contingent workers.

Unmarried, less educated, black women who live in central cities are among the most rapidly increasing market for non-standard jobs - and the most poorly paid relative to full-time standard employment.

The researchers further found that in some sectors, such as electronics manufacturing and insurance, employers are retaining or returning to full-time employment contracts to keep skilled personnel and to improve service and stability.

Library meeting rooms

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., has two meeting rooms available for use by community groups and organizations whose objectives are cultural, educational or civic in character. Reservations for dates between July 1, and December 30 will be accepted beginning Thursday, June 1 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Use of the library's community meeting rooms is free of charge for Oak Lawn residents and Oak Lawn-based groups and organizations. Non-residents and entities not based in Oak Lawn will be charged a non-refundable fee of \$50 per use. Payment is required for confirmation of the reservation. Fees are non-negotiable.

Interested parties may pick up, complete and return the standard application form. The library requires a minimum of two weeks to process a meeting room reservation request. The entire Board Policy Statement governing meeting room use is attached to each application.

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How badly do you want to improve your golf game? This is a question facing many golfers. The answer lies in how seriously you take your game based upon the time you have to devote to it and your daily priorities. If you are one of those who has decided that this is going to be a year of committing yourself to better and more consistent golf, one of the big things that will control your rate of improvement is how much you can practice and how you break down your practice time. Not everyone has the opportunity to practice as much as he/she would like. Therefore, how you organize your practice time is very important.

Many serious golfers want to improve their game, but the way they go about it does not maximize their chance of success. They go to the driving range and spend the majority of their time hitting the driver. Consider that during an 18 hole round of golf you are going to hit the driver about fourteen times. Why then spend the majority of your practice time hitting the driver which you will use about 15-20% of

time on the course? This is not to minimize the importance of the driver. Quite the contrary. It is certainly beneficial to hit the ball with length and control off the tee. However, consider that 65% of your game is played inside 100 yards. The club you use from this distance certainly will not be the driver or any other wood. Therefore, doesn't it make sense to proportionately spend more time working on that part of your game which comprises the biggest share of your shots, namely chipping and putting?

Consider this analogy of the shots you make during 18 holes. For illustration let's use a score of 85. There are generally four par's to be played where the driver is not used from the tee. As previously mentioned, this means that conceivably the driver could be hit fourteen times (15-20% of your total score). You will have somewhere between 29-34 putts (35-40% of your total score). The remaining 30-40% of your score comes from your iron game and fairway woods. A large part of this 30-40% involves the short game where

chipping is utilized. This illustration is a typical breakdown of the type of shots to be played during 18 holes. This certainly suggests that more practice time is needed to be spent on the short game if noticeable improvement is going to occur.

There is no substitute for practice, but make it quality practice, giving more attention to the types of shots you are frequently called upon to make. The increased time you spend on improving your chipping and putting will result in eliminating some of those double and triple bogies and this means lower scores.

I have a new teaching aid available. It is a booklet entitled *Your Personal Guide To a Good Set Up*. If interested in the booklet or private lessons, Bob Gates can be contacted at (708) 425-8637 or (708) 857-2214.



New law will require insurance companies to cover child safety seats

State Senator Christine Radogno is pleased Gov. Ryan signed a new law on

Friday that will expand a policyholders auto insurance to include coverage for child safety seats. "When an accident occurs, the outside of the car isn't the only part that gets damaged," said Radogno (R-LaGrange). "This measure will extend auto insurance to cover any damage incurred on child safety seats." The new law, Senate Bill 1617,

requires that insurance for private passenger automobiles must include coverage for the replacement of child safety seats if those seats were in use at the time of the accident.



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Reavis announces Spring Sports Awards

On Wednesday, May 31, Reavis High School held its 49th Annual Spring Sports Awards Night. Honored as the Varsity Most Valuable Players were: Badminton- Erin Murphy; Baseball- Mario Urquiza; Girls' Soccer- Renate Loacker; Softball- Leann Rydberg; Boys' Tennis- Marco Reynoso; Boys' Track- Cesar Ortega; Girls' Track- Josephine Lopez; Boys' Volleyball- Chris Gornik. Most Improved Awards went to: Badminton- Carolyn Budz; Baseball- Jon Malacina; Girls' Soccer- Nicole Oles; Softball- Lisa Sinovich; Boys' Tennis- George Trojaniak; Boys' Track- Dave Stiak; Girls' Track- Tammy Balestri; Boys' Volleyball- C.J. Fabiano. Most Contributions were: Badminton- Rebecca Bennick; Baseball- Dan Urbaniak; Girls' Soccer- Elizabeth Moran; Softball- Becky Gomolka; Boys' Tennis- Terrence Gamboa; Boys' Track- Piotr Kwintal; Girls' Track- Rhiannon Pullen; Boys' Volleyball- Ryan O'Lone.

Sophomore athletes receiving the Most Valuable Player awards were:

Badminton- Melissa Gawlik; Baseball- Greg Evashenk; Girls' Soccer- Elwira Wilczynski; Softball- Tara Kernats; Boys' Track- Mike Giera; Girls' Track- Mary Beth Bain; Boys' Volleyball- Dan Gumtow. Most Improved Sophomores were: Badminton- Crystal Ludington; Baseball- Brian Wichert; Girls' Soccer- Tiffanie Wright; Softball- Kelli Sabo; Girls' Track- Katie Countryman; Boys' Volleyball- Kevin Andrzyak. Most Contributions were: Badminton- Erica Schmitz; Baseball- Jon Greske; Girls' Soccer- Sara O'Lone; Softball- Jenna Tabor; Girls' Track- Katie King; Boys' Volleyball- Ryan Gornik.

Also receiving awards were: Badminton, IHSA State Qualifier- Carolyn Budz; Track, IHSA State Qualifier- Piotr Kwintal. Baseball- Offensive Player of the Year- Gary Ward; Defensive Players of the Year- Basil Hussain and John Szykowny; Most Valuable Pitcher- Dan Urbaniak, and Mr. Hustle Award- Gary Ward. Volleyball- Pride/Effort/Hustle- Ryan O'Lone; Run Award- Paul Johnson.

All Conference Honors, Baseball- Dan Urbaniak, Kevin Petraitis, Mario Urquiza, Gary Ward and Basil Hussain; Girls' Soccer- Elizabeth Moran and Renate Loacker; Softball- Leann Rydberg, Lisa Sinovich, Allison Stauner, and Stephanie Wright; Boys' Track- Piotr Kwintal and Jack Matson; Girls' Track- Josephine Lopez; Boys' Volleyball- Chris Gornik and Ryan O'Lone.

Regional Honors- Boys' Volleyball Team- Regional Champions. Sectional Honors- Girls' Soccer- Elizabeth Moran and Renate Loacker. Athletes of the Year- Chris Gornik and Leann Rydberg. Coach of the Year- Adam Perch -Soccer and Heather McMurray -Softball. 1999-2000 Hessenberger Award- Cesar Ortega and Kelly Krull.

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Tony Esposito (Crestwood), Cheetah Charities Advisory Board Member (left), and Dr. Larry Meekma (Oak Lawn), Team Dentist and Cheetah Charities Advisory Board Member (right), present Gerry Clarke, (Streamwood), Cook County Cheetahs Vice President & General Manager, a Humanitarian Award for initiating the Cheetah Charities organization.

Cheetah Charities kick off the season with a benefit

Cheetah Charities kicked off the baseball season with a benefit for Sertoma Centre on May 5th at Georgios in Orland Hills. Dinner with the

Cook County Cheetahs and their personnel was the highlight of the evening. A silent auction featuring many sports items, raised more

than \$3,000 for Sertoma Centre, Inc., a non-profit organization located in Alsip that serves individuals with disabilities in 65 south, south-west suburbs.

National city introduces five-year line of credit for small business owners

National City Bank of Illinois has introduced its expanded Five-Year Small Business Line of Credit, which now allows small business owners to use their commercial real estate, in addition to residential real estate, as collateral. "A five-year line of credit helps small business owners manage the normal ups and downs of the business cycle by providing working capital to help supplement finances," said Mike Price, National City's senior vice president of small business banking.

National City Corporation is the No. 1 Small Business Administration lender in its market. National City, ranked in 1999 by American Banker as one of the nation's top five small business lenders, announced in February an ambitious plan to increase its small business lending to \$1.2 billion in 2000.

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Small business owners can pick up an application for National City branch office or by calling 1-888-NCB-4BIZ (622-4249). Credit lines run from \$25,000-\$100,000. In addition, the Five-Year Line of Credit can be used as a revolving line of credit, or a portion of the line can be converted to a 36-month term loan with a fixed rate. "All of these features give entrepreneurs greater, quicker access to capital and help established credit in a business' name," said Price.

"National City's Five-Year Line of Credit provides a vehicle for separating personal finances from business finances," said Price. "That helps establish a credit

identify for the business and eases the reporting function for taxes." This product meets the needs of small business owners who still use personal credit to finance their business, need to borrow on a seasonal or cyclical basis or want to consolidate higher-interest revolving debt.

Credit can be accessed via checks or a Five-Year Line of Credit Visa business credit card, which is available for customers utilizing the revolving line of credit option. National City Corporation (NYSE:NCC) is an \$86 billion financial holding company based in Cleveland, Ohio. The company offers a full range of financial services for individuals and businesses. National City has offices in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois. National City can be found on the World Wide Web at www.national-city.com.

Oak Lawn Garden Club's Local Realtor achieves national recognition



The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its annual Garden Walk on Sunday, July 9th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be five gardens to view. One garden has two separate ponds, including a 2 foot water fall with two shaded patio retreats next to each pond. Another is a Biblical garden with old items collected through the years by the family. The next will combine, on a wooded lot, some flowers and vines in a serene setting. Two others will feature perennials, roses, trellis and vines, a water fall and Lily Barrel.

Lemonade and home baked cookies will be served at one of the gardens. Tickets are available for \$5.00 each. For further information call (708) 424-4846 or (708) 425-3609.

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I believe that a wireless phone can be one of the most powerful weapons in the fight against domestic violence. I will continue to collect wireless telephones as long as there is a need for them. Just as before, all wireless phones will be accepted in my district office at 10600 S. Roberts Road in Palos Hills during our regular business hours from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday and from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM Tuesday through Friday.

Again, thank you for the donations and setting a positive example for other communities involved in the CALL to PROTECT program, which is sponsored by the Illinois Conference of Women Legislators, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, The Wireless Foundation and Motorola. If you would like further information about this program, please call my office at (708) 974-8080.

Sincerely,
 Anne Zickus
 State Representative
 48th District

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The secured drive at 5150 West 63rd Street is available for use by the public to attend the Midway Airport Noise Compatibility meetings held several times a year at the maintenance building about one block north of 63rd street. Once you enter past the gate visitors will be greeted by a guard and directed to the maintenance facility.

By Rick Techman

Regardless of the fact that the Midway Airport residential area suffers from greater levels of jet noise than the O'Hare Airport residential area, O'Hare homeowners continue to get better noise proofing service than the Midway area.

According to a report by Marius "Scotty" Gallagher, civic league aviation chairman, Midway residents suffer from as much as 80 decibels of jet noise near the airport while the residents nearest O'Hare suffer from less jet noise. Scotty said although O'Hare has the bigger jets, their aircraft are already three miles or more into the air by the time they pass the first set of homes.

The Chicago Department of Aviation plans to complete noise proofing all homes in the 80 decibel range around Midway Airport this year according to Gallagher. In the O'Hare Airport residential area, the DOA is planning to complete all homes in the 70 decibel range.

Midway area noise proofing unfair

"Why then," Gallagher asked, "are more homes and homes in quieter areas being noise proofed in the O'Hare area? It is because the Administration responsible for solving this problem has decided," he said, "that the money generated from Passenger Facility Charges at O'Hare Airport will be used only for O'Hare, and PFC money generated at Midway will be used at Midway. I believe that the system is flawed," Gallagher stated. "We are not," he closed, "second class citizens."

Gallagher explained O'Hare is clearly a much bigger airport with hundreds of thousands more passengers a day paying the PFC in their airfare than at Midway. Therefore the O'Hare residential area receives much greater amounts of money to spend on noise proofing than the Midway residential area.

Gallagher said he has tried to improve the present system of noise proofing for the Midway area by various means. "I have asked the Chicago Department of Aviation," Gallagher said, "two aviation commissioners, Mayor Daley, some state senators and state representatives, and the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission to find extra funding for the Midway area. So far," he added, "I have had no success."

Gallagher, a Garfield-Ridge homeowner and member of the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission, invites all interested residents to the Commission's next meeting on Thursday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. on Midway Airport at the Midway Airport Maintenance Complex, 5150 West 63rd Street. He said the audience is allowed to ask questions at the end of the meeting.

Midway noise is a 24 hour problem



The current Midway Airport terminal at 5700 South Cicero Avenue serves as many as 60,000 passengers a day. At this rate the terminal is open 24 hours a day and airline flights enter and leave around the clock.

By Rick Techman

While residents around Midway Airport try to sleep late at night, the noise of airline jets will as much as rattle windows and doors and cause a disrupted nights sleep with no relief in sight for the people nearest the field. A ban once imposed on night flights by major airline jets during the late night and early morning hours seems to have been eliminated with the phenomenal growth of the airline industry on Midway. Contractual airline jet fuel trucks and ramp workers are out until well after midnight and start again the next morning by 4:00 a.m. according to a customer service attendant at a Midway Airport fixed base operation. The attendant added much quieter and smaller corporate jets fly 24 hours a day through Midway. Furthermore, large jet aircraft used to transport mail and other cargo have never

been affected by the ban.

The airlines don't appear to have a particular pattern to night flight scheduling according to a local travel agent who makes part of his living by placing local residents on their preferred flight time out of Midway. Matt Goral, an agent with Infotravel on Archer said many southside residents prefer to save the extra \$40 or \$50 on a plane ticket by taking a flight that leaves sometime in the evening. He added daytime flights, which are usually very crowded, have a higher ticket price because they are most in demand.

Goral, who formerly had an office and living quarters at 61 Street and Cicero, said airplane noise was a serious disturbance day and night. He explained most flights he is aware of are scheduled after 6:00 a.m. and before

midnight but he said a flight delayed by bad weather or other malady will take off anytime into the night once the obstacle has been cleared. Furthermore, he added, flights due into Midway from other cities that might have been delayed at their last location will land at Midway regardless of the time.

"The schedules change," Goral said, "more or less every couple of weeks." But, he added, the latest flights are usually to Las Vegas. He said these are typically scheduled to leave anytime between 9:55 p.m. and midnight.

"I don't even know who you're supposed to complain too," Goral said regarding the late night noise. When asked about stage II and stage III engines the airline aircraft are due to be fitted with he said, "I don't see how you can silence an engine like that."

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Senior Citizen Law enforcement graduates in Chicago Ridge

A group of active senior citizens recently gathered at the McDonald Lynn Chicago Ridge VFW, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave., in Chicago Ridge to celebrate their graduation from the Cook County Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Academy.

Developed by Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan, the Academy gives participants advice on personal safety and crime prevention as well as a better understanding of the responsibilities and duties of law enforcement officials.

Joining the "senior" graduates were Sheriff Sheahan, Cook County Board Commissioner William Moran who sponsored the classes for seniors in his south suburban district, as well as other top officials from the Sheriff's Office who presented the lectures during the Academy. For more information on the Senior Citizen Enforcement Academy, call 773-869-7725.

Millionaires mingle for a good cause

Palos Hills, Illinois - Lottery -made millionaire, Catherine Kowalewski-Lorek, played "Let's Make a Deal" with the grandfather of game shows himself, Monty Hall, at a rocking millionaires' reunion held in Chicago on June 2. The millionaires played to win -- but not for themselves. Proceeds from the game benefited Illinois' future Lincoln Presidential Library.

Illinois Lottery Director Lori Montana presented a commemorative over-sized

check from the state agency to Sarah Watson, senior policy advisor to Governor George Ryan on education and literacy issues. Watson appeared on behalf of Illinois First Lady Lura Lynn Ryan, who has worked tirelessly to improve literacy in Illinois.

The reunion also celebrated the official launch of a hot, new Illinois Lottery instant ticket game, "Let's Make a Deal," featuring Monty's picture. The ticket allows everyone, not just millionaires, to play "Let's Make a Deal."

"Education and literacy

are why the Lottery exists and having the Governor's



Sewer changes in Chicago Ridge

By Jude Coyle

Engineer Dr. Christopher Burke was given the final approval on Tuesday, June 6, all the Chicago Ridge Regular Village Board Meeting, to mail letters to residents West of Ridgeland. The letters will say that the USEPA requires separate sanitary and storm sewers. He is instructing residents to disconnect their sump pumps from their sanitary sewers.

Sump pumps channels off what the EPA calls clear water, which is storm water run off collected as the base of each building. The EPA requires this to be channeled

into storm sewers, which are usually 12 inches in diameter.

According to Dr. Burke, sanitary sewer pipes are usually 8 inches in diameter. It collects waste from sinks, toilets and appliances. Once upon a time, both sewers were connected. This caused serious flooding problems as it didn't take much to fill that sewer line. When that line is full, water has to go somewhere. It seeks the lowest level, and will back up out of toilets, sinks, and drains below the level of the pipe. In other words, basements. In the same letter Dr. Burke is

recommending overhead sewers. This is not required by either the EPA or the Village. It makes sense though. Injector pumps will pull waste up and away from homes, deposits it in a well. When the sanitary sewers are full, waste backs up into the well and not into basements. The MNRD Plant in Hickory Hills is huge. If required to process clear along with sewerage. Hickory Hills and other filtration plants would require much more land and money to operate.

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O'Malley congratulates Moraine Valley students for academic honors

State Sen. Patrick O'Malley and Dr. Hazel Loucks (right) congratulate Moraine Valley Community College (MVCC) student Amanda Rzendzian (middle), who was at the State Capitol April 5 as a member of the Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois Academic Team. Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges. For the third year in a row, O'Malley, who is a former MVCC trustee, delivered the key address and presented awards to students from community colleges statewide during the Phi Theta Kappa Recognition Ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda. O'Malley has also sponsored for three years the resolution establishing the Recognition Ceremony. Dr. Loucks, the Deputy Governor for Education, also presented remarks to the students.

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Highlights from Bridgeview Board Meeting

By Jude Coyle

Trustee Michael Pticek read from the Treasurer's report at the beginning of the June 21, 2000 Board of Trustees Meeting. According to the report, dated June 21, the balance of the General Corporate Fund was \$448,020.31, and the balance of the Water Fund was \$125,465.14. Later, Trustee Pticek presented the Board with the finished budget for the fiscal year of May 1, 2000 to April 30, 2001.

"Once again," Mr. Pticek commented, "we are living within our means..." Mayor Steven Landek explained it was important to point out some changes to the budget as he had heard criticisms because final preparations forced the Board to bring this up for a vote a month and a half after the beginning of the fiscal year. He explained that the Village had finally paid off all inner departmental loans, has a greater budget surplus than the year before, had discontinued some funds while adding to or creating others. For the first time, Bridgeview has a drug fund and a capital improvement fund. Part of that came about because the Village was able to trim \$300,000 from the administration fund. Salaries, though, have risen \$250,000. He reminded the

Board and residents that the Village still owes the Tollway Commission \$1,000,000. He said that he has set aside \$750,000 towards paying that off. A major change in this year's budget is the development of a five year plan that will insure Bridgeview's financial growth. "We have concluded the matter of debt," he said, "and will put it behind us. Now we maintain..." Trustee Pticek assured the audience that he sleeps better now knowing that Bridgeview has a balanced budget.

Trustee Joseph Kaput presented ordinance #00-30, authorizing a \$106,828 installment purchase contract for a new ambulance. He also announced the retirement of Firefighter/Engineer Duane Micnerski. Micnerski had served the Village for 26 years, 6 of which were as a volunteer. Trustee Kaput next reported that the Fire Department had received approximately 30 calls from residents living along the tracks in the area between 71st and 75th and Roberts Road. Residents reported smelling natural gas. NiCor is surveying the area. Expectations are that a company in the area is using a chemical process that emits odor similar to natural gas. Trustee Kaput recognized

Fire Department Lt. Anthony Butkus. Lt. and Mrs. Butkus planned to eat dinner at Jack Gibbons Garden in Oak Forest on March 31st. While waiting to be seated, Lt. Butkus noticed a man choking on his dinner. Other diners tried to help the man by pounding on his back. Lt. Butkus performed the Heimlich maneuver, causing a chunk of food to dislodge from the man's throat. Besides recognition from the Village, the American Heart Association also awarded Lt. Butkus for his actions.

After the meeting adjourned, Trustee Grabinski, on behalf of the Active Party of Bridgeview, presented scholarships to four teens: Nicole Zwolinski, Jaleela Amahed, Rachel Fields and Nicholas Farnesi, all of Argo High School, each received \$1,000 towards their education at the school of their choice. According to Trustee Grabinski, scholarship winners were chosen based on their grades, economic needs and their commitment to the community. Trustee Grabinski, Fire Chief Terry Lipinski, and Executive Board Member Dale Kasten made the final selection. They had received requests from Argo, Reavis, Stagg, and Oak Lawn

Moraine Valley announces students in top 10 percent of class

The following students are recipients of the Distinguished Scholar Award. In keeping with Moraine Valley's program of excellence, the Distinguished Scholar Award is given to students in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class.

From Chicago Ridge: Joanna Zurawski.

commercial business district and the neighboring residential neighborhood.

Members of the Planning and Development Commission, carefully chosen representatives of the community who advise the Village Board on such matters, thoroughly analyzed the situation.

No variances were necessary. Mr. Latek even agreed to repave and provide drainage to the alley at his own expense.

The Commission researched Mr. Latek's previous projects in the area. According to the meeting minutes, "Member Callahan...stated it looks like a good site plan...It will be a beautiful building abutting a bar. Mr. Cwiklinski stated that Mr. Latek has built buildings on 87th St. (Burbank) and they too are nice buildings."

"Commission member (and Village Trustee) Jerry Hurckes asked what the Comprehensive Plan recommended for the property. Village Engineer Lynn Krauss stated multi-family." (P & DC, 6-15-98)

With a unanimous 9-0 approval of the Planning and Development

From Bridgeview: Arthur Czudak, Agnieszka Jachymczyk, Melinda Moynihan, and Joshua Schoot.

From Burbank: Daniel Burg, Dawn Cooney, Barb Gasienica, Kelly Harper, Krystyna Kwak, Amanda Matula, Amanda Mazur, Jamie Owens-Zaim, Rima Rana, Daniel Sliwinski, and Jill Swidron.

Commission, as well as the recommendation by Village Engineer Lynn Krauss, the re-zoning request was sent to the Board of Trustees for routine approval at the regular July 14, 1998 meeting.

Trustee Robt. Streit, who owns a business nearby the proposed development, repeatedly requested more time to "look into" the situation. A 120 day period was voted upon to "explore the development of the entire parcel."

After four months had passed, Latek inquired about the status of his petition.

In a memo dated November 20, 1998, Village Manager Joseph Faber stated "several developers were contacted concerning this parcel (but) no one came back with a formal proposal."

Faber further opined "Any effort for the comprehensive redevelopment will be greatly reduced if the rezoning is approved."

On November 24, 1998, the Village Board postponed making a decision on Latek's request a second time, asking for an additional 120 days.

Over a year after the P &

From Evergreen Park: Tina Brazauskas, Tanya Hunter, Cara Maloney, Tiffany Skala, and Melani Surprenant

From Chicago: Lora Dziemiela, Kelly Giurdanella, Michael Metcalf, and Timothy Metcalf.

D Commission approval, the Village Board sent the matter back to P & D for further review.

According to meeting minutes, P & D "Member Andersen asked Staff why the Board of Trustees sent this request back to the Plan Commission. Staff stated they did not know."

With Mr. Latek absent from the "additional" proceedings, the Planning and Development Commission rejected the plan they had previously (and resoundingly) approved.

Over two years have passed since Mr. Latek was "approved" by a qualified municipal Commission, mysteriously "rejected" by the same entity, and stalled interminably by the Oak Lawn Board of Trustees.

A weary and patient Latek again appeared before the Board June 27th and earnestly requested relief.

His property has since sustained storm damage; demolition is desperately needed. He has paid real estate taxes and insurance on property he is prohibited from effectively developing.

And the bank, unfortunately, has not suspended mortgage payments on an \$85,000 loan while the Village ponders the future of the surrounding area.

Meanwhile, Stan Latek is several years older and no doubt wiser. And his wallet is some \$20,000 lighter.

And, as of today, the Village still hasn't decided in which direction to proceed, fictional advertising copy notwithstanding.

Condos versus parking lot

By: F.J. Soczek

The Village Believes that Business Goes Where it is Invited & Stays Where it is Well Treated.

It certainly seems like a sound, logical marketing strategy. But it would make even more sense if

only it was true.

Stan Latek is a small local businessman and real estate developer. He purchased an extremely run-down property adjacent the Southwest Hwy. business district in Oak Lawn. This area had long been considered "blighted" by town officials and was included in the Village's

"Comprehensive Plan" for long term development.

Mr. Latek hoped to construct a three-story, five unit condo on the land, but needed a zoning reclassification from single to multi-family. The property is across the street from a block of R-3 (multi-family) parcels and would act as a buffer between the

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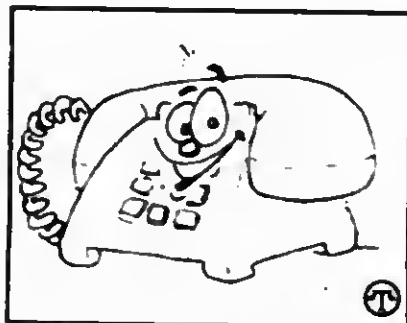
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Bob Bridgeman, Scholarship Chairman - Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220 presenting award to Adam J. Zwirkoski.



Bob Bridgeman and Alex Donaldson - Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220 presenting award to Beth Purdy.

VFW 5220 presents scholarships

VFW 5220 Johnson Phelps veterans award scholarships to the following students:

Adam J. Zwirkoski, Oak Lawn Community High

School, Beth Purdy, a graduate of Bremen High School, and Estera Barbarosa of Richard High School all received the awards at the VFW ceremony recently.



Commander Richard E. Luemen, Johnson Phelps VFW Post 5220 presenting award to Estera Barbarasa.

National Welfare to Work Organization returns to Chicago

Nearly one year after a national welfare to work conference brought President Clinton and 2,500 other welfare to work supporters to the shores of Lake Michigan to discuss the future of welfare reform. The Welfare to Work Partnership is returning with its BizLink Network Program. The Partnership's latest initiative to help Chicago-land businesses find new workers.

"At the One America Conference, we learned that businesses not only still need help reaching those on the welfare roles, but they need help training and retaining them as well," said Eli Segal, president and CEO of The Welfare to Work Partnership. "BizLink is a first of its kind initiative committed to providing the extra resources these businesses need to create a successful welfare to work program."

BizLink will help businesses in Chicago as well as four other cities - Los Angeles, Miami, New Orleans, and New York - connect with community based organizations to help hire, retain and promote the welfare

recipients with particular attention to the welfare population deemed the "hardest to place." It will also act as a support system for employers and their new hires by connecting employers to mentoring, job training and general life skills.

Herb Stokes, President and CEO of Alliance Relocation and Mark Kaufman, Senior Manager - National Training Programs, Marriot International Inc., will serve as executives-on-loan to the BizLink program to help recruit local employers.

"BizLink will build on the existing Chicago welfare to work initiatives by providing the extra resources that many small and medium sized businesses cannot afford on their own," said Stokes. "Thanks to BizLink, Chicago-land businesses will be able to provide the additional support and training that many of those still on welfare need to become dedicated and reliable workers."

BizLink is funded by a grant from the Department of Labor and supported through companies committed to welfare to work. Burger King, United Airlines, United

Parcel Service of America, Chase Manhattan, Bank of America, Sears, and Allied Van Lines have donated executives on loan, financial resources and office space to help launch the BizLink Network Program.

The Partnership announced the launch of the BizLink Network as it marked its three year anniversary. The Partnership is an independent, nonpartisan, national effort of the American business community to help move those on public assistance into jobs in the private sector. It was launched in May of 1997 by five companies -- United Airlines, Sprint Corporation, Monsanto Company, Burger King and United Parcel Services of America - has grown to include more than 15,000 Business Partners, all dedicated to hiring and retaining former welfare recipients. The Partnership's Business Partners have hired more than 649,000 people from welfare to work.

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NEWS OF BIRDS

Birds In Your Backyard

(NAPS)—If you enjoy bird watching, you're part of a pretty big flock. Some 54 million Americans take "birding" trips, and another nine million observe birds at their backyard feeder. There are a lot of birds to watch—almost 8,600 kinds—which means most people who watch birds use a field guide.

One new guide that's delighting a growing number of birders is *All The Backyard Birds, East* (Harper Perennial, \$7.95). The compact field guide, created by the American Bird Conservancy, contains a revolutionary system based on feeding behaviors and field-recognizable features.

Critics report that the new book tells you everything you need to know about birds in your backyard, in parks and along the roadside. It features:

- Up-to-date information on all species.
- Spectacular, full-color illustrations by America's finest bird artists.
- Tips on attracting birds to your backyard and a checklist for recording your sightings.

The book, available at bookstores everywhere, is the perfect guide to keep on the windowsill overlooking your backyard feeder or to take on a trip to the local park or nature center.

The truth about tar and nicotine ratings

Why do some smokers choose "low tar" and "light" cigarettes? Because they think these cigarettes may be less harmful to their health than regular cigarettes. The Federal Trade Commission wants you to know that cigarette tar and nicotine ratings can't predict the amount of tar and nicotine you get from any particular cigarette. That's because how you smoke a cigarette can significantly affect the amount of tar, nicotine and carbon monoxide you get from your cigarette. Research indicates that many smokers of "low tar" and "light" cigarettes compensate by taking deeper, longer, or more frequent puffs from their cigarettes. The amount of tar and nicotine a smoker actually gets also can increase if the smoker unintentionally blocks tiny ventilation holes in cigarette filters that are designed to dilute smoke with air. When it comes to "low tar" and "light" cigarettes, the FTC wants you to know: * The tar and nicotine numbers used in advertising and on packaging are determined using a smoking machine -- a smoking "robot" so to speak -- that smokes every brand of cigarette exactly the same way.

* The numbers do not represent the amount of tar and nicotine a particular smoker may get. First, people don't smoke cigarettes the same way a machine does; second, no two people smoke the same way. * Many lower tar cigarettes have filters with very small vent holes in the sides that allow air to dilute the smoke in each puff. It's easy for smokers to cover the holes unknowingly; that results in them getting more tar and nicotine. * It's impossible to tell them from the ratings the amount of tar and nicotine a smoker will get from any cigarette. Smokers of lower nicotine cigarettes tend to compensate for the lower nicotine by taking deeper and more frequent puffs than they would from a regular cigarette. * The amount of tar and nicotine smokers actually get depends on how deep and how often they puff on the cigarette and whether they block the vent holes. * Smoking "low tar" and "light" cigarettes does not eliminate the health risks of smoking. If you're concerned about the health risks of smoking, stop smoking. The amount of tar and nicotine you get from your cigarette depends on how much

you smoke your cigarette. Don't count the numbers. There's no such thing as a safe smoke. For more information, call the FTC toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-434-57) or visit www.ftc.gov for the Commission's 1997 Annual Report on Cigarette Advertising.

St. Francis

St. Francis Hospital Auxiliary offers tribute gifts for loved ones who are ill or those who have passed away.

St. Francis Tribute Gift Cards are available at St. Francis' Gift Shop and all area funeral homes. An acknowledgment will also be made to the donor and to the family of the enrolled.

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For information on how to complete a Tribute Gift for your loved one, please contact St. Francis Auxiliary department at 708-597-2000, ext. 5563.

Traffic safety hints

Q. How can motorists avoid traffic accidents with children?

A. Slow down in residential areas and look for children playing or riding bicycles on or near the street. When following a child on a bicycle, give him or her plenty of room to maneuver and be prepared for unexpected moves.

Q. Can a child ride a bike legally on a sidewalk?

A. Yes. When riding on a sidewalk, however, bicyclists must obey pedestrian traffic signals at crosswalks and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians. Bicyclists should warn pedestrians before passing them.

Stickney Township's Mental Health Division Accredited

For the second successive three-year period the Stickney Township Mental Health Division has been accredited by CARF, an international accreditation commission.

CARF awarded the mental health division's children and adolescent outpatient treatment and adult outpatient treatment its highest level of accreditation, announced Dr. Christopher Grunow, the township's mental health director.

According to Donald E. Galvin, PhD., president and CEO of CARF, "The Stickney Public Health District, Mental Health division, has put itself through a rigid peer review process and has demonstrated that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable and accountable."

CARF, a private, non-profit, Tucson-based accreditation body established in 1966, is committed to promoting quality, value and optimal outcomes of services through a consultative accreditation process that centers on enhancing the lives of the persons served. "Stickney Township has provided mental health services for over 30 years at a very nominal cost to township residents," said Louis Viverito, township supervisor, "and we are very proud of this recognition. It reflects great credit on Dr. Grunow and his staff." For additional information contact Dr. Grunow at (708) 424-9200.

The important thing is not to stop questioning.
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115th Street improvements now under way

Two state lawmakers have helped secure funding for an important road improvement project that will help reduce traffic congestion on 115th Street and ease safety concerns in the area of Marist High School, according to Brother Rick Carey, President of Marist High School.

Senator Patrick O'Malley and Representative James Brosnahan have secured \$525,000 from the state to rebuild 115th Street and install traffic signals at Karlov Avenue.

"This is a great step toward a safer environment for parents and students coming into and leaving Marist High School," Brother Rick said. "This improvement also provides for a better flow of traffic for the school, as well as the 115th Street traffic, providing a better sense of safety for everyone."

Alsip Mayor Arnold Andrews says the volume of traffic in this area is a source of concern, for Marist students and for motorists using

that road. "I am in favor of the 115th Street traffic signal. I am fearful that if something is not done soon there will be serious injury to students," Andrews said. "This is a matter of extreme public safety." Representative Brosnahan explained that from 1995 to 1997, there was a total of 64 accidents on 115th Street between Komensky and Keeler Avenues.

"When you look at the accident totals, it is clear that a traffic signal on 115th Street is long overdue," Brosnahan said. "These improvements will provide you much needed safety measures for the students and faculty at the school, as well as all the motorists traveling down 115th Street."

Brother Rick said this is a comprehensive improvement project that the City of Chicago, the Village of Alsip and the State of Illinois have been working on for some time. 19th Ward Alderman Ginger Rugai secured the essential

cooperation of the Chicago Department of Transportation. Senator O'Malley and Representative Brosnahan secured the cooperation of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The work will include a three-lane configuration, a bi-directional turning lane, signalization at Karlov Avenue, landscaping in the right-of-way, tapering to the west, and accommodations for a C.T.A. turnaround. Senator O'Malley says improvements such as these require state involvement. "There is real concern for public safety, especially for the students and families in the area. The existing conditions are long overdue being addressed," O'Malley said. "The changes will ease congestion caused by the growing volume of traffic, especially during the school year. I especially appreciate the efforts of Mayor Andrews, Alderman Rugai and Representative Brosnahan. Working with them, we have been able to move this project off the drawing board and into production."



NumAstrology & Your Month Ahead

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July 2000...Psychic Predictions For All Signs. I use NumAstrology [combining Numerology with Astrology...Plus my Psychic Insight]. Initials can be first or last names of people.

For those born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: You can't have it both ways, so, make a decision, stick with it, and let others know that you have decided. A wedding to attend soon, and parties to go to. Check your weight. Special clothing needed. F & B aid.

For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: You could be asked to take a trip with someone or for business. Make sure that you have everything you need. Check luggage locks. You seem tired and a bit cranky to some people. Relax, let go! B aids, ask.

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: This is one of those "hurry up and wait" weeks, and you may be at the end of your rope when it comes to dealing with people who say they'll do something for you and don't. Depend on yourself. N aids.

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Life is like a contest, a horse race, a measure of endurance. Someone wins, many lose. Don't let this be you. Remember, your ideas are just as good as someone else's. You can't win if you don't try.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You have what it takes to become successful, the only person doubting this is you! Be prepared to prove this to yourself. Speak up. Stand up, and don't you dare walk backwards for anyone. M involved.

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: H and someone born in the signs of Scorpio and Libra are about to become very helpful to you. Ask for the help you need. Your financial status could be on the upbeat and your health improves by changing your attitude about yourself. Wear a smile.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Get rid of things you no longer need. Someone is trying to get you to notice them. This could become a romance. A commitment is on the horizon soon for the unmarried. B and a Sagittarius involved.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: If you don't ask, you may not receive. If you believe in Saints, mentally talk to St. Ann and St. Jude. If you want to travel, do it. You don't have to explain yourself to others unless you want to. J aids.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: Which way to turn is the question. Who to approach for your needs is an action. What you need is the result. Think things through thoroughly before you make your moves. Make a plan and stick with it. C helps and someone in the sign of Pisces.

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Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones, etc. "What Tree Is That?" is organized to make it easy to identify trees in a simple step by step fashion. "Helping people enjoy and appreciate trees is central to the educational mission of the Arbor Day Foundation," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "Being able to identify trees is important to knowing how to care for them and how to plant the right tree in the right place."

To obtain your free tree ID guide, send your name and address to "What Tree Is That?", The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

First Lady Lura Lynn receives community service award

Illinois First Lady Lura Lynn Ryan received the prestigious Paul Simon Community Service Award from the Illinois Coalition for Community Services for her work in the past 20 years on substance abuse prevention and advocacy for children.

"As an advocate of substance abuse prevention programs, I appreciate the accolades for my work with the young people and adults, but it is the people on the front lines providing direct service who deserve the credit and our gratitude," said Mrs. Ryan. "I will continue to dedicate my life to helping people protect themselves and their families from substance abuse," she added.

The First Lady has worked alongside her husband in public life for more than 20 years to fight substance abuse. The Lura Lynn Ryan Prevention Library is named after Illinois' First Lady in honor of her many years of dedicated work to promote prevention practices in the state and nationally.

The library is housed at Prevention First in two locations, one in Chicago and one in Springfield, has established itself as the primary source for substance abuse prevention materials and resources in Illinois. It offers the largest specialty collection of substance

abuse prevention and related materials in the state.

The Illinois Department of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse has honored her for her work in prevention. In 1989, Mrs. Ryan was named a delegate to the Illinois Assembly on the Prevention of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. She has been honored for the Hopedale Medical Complex for her prevention work with Illinois' seniors and is a recipient of the McDermott Humanitarian Award.

Mrs. Ryan serves as a director of the Life Education Center, a unique prevention program operating several counties that steers children away from drugs by teaching them to understand and respect their bodies.

Mrs. Ryan has served on the board of directors for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana and is an honorary director of Very Special Arts Illinois. She served as a member of the White House 200th Anniversary Art Exhibition Committee. The Coalition also will honor grassroots committees who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in improving their communities and becoming self sufficient.

The first name of the Queen of Sheba was Balkis.



Village View

Village View Newspaper sponsored this year's Farmer's Market at 52nd and Yourell Drive on June 28th from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There was a magician there from 10 a.m. to 12 noon to entertain the kids while the adults shopped for produce at the market. Art Widen was the magician who kept the kids happy and smiling during the time they were there.

Art Widen has magic shows to offer to anyone who is interested. This magician does comedic magic on stage, at children's birthday parties and at weddings and trade shows. He entertains the kids with balloon figures, face painting and temporary tattoos.

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Casting announced for the Cameron Mackintosh production of Miss Saigon

Casting has been completed for the return of Miss Saigon, directed by Nicholas Hytner. Presented by Cameron Mackintosh, Miss Saigon will play a limited engagement at Chicago's Auditorium Theatre, 50 East Congress Parkway. Performances begin Thursday, July 13 and continue through Sunday, July 23, 2000.

The engagement marks Miss Saigon's final visit to Chicago. The cast will feature Joseph Anthony Foronda, who heads the company as "The Engineer," with Mika Nishida as "Kim," the young Vietnamese girl who falls in love with "Chris," the American soldier, played by Will Swenson. Also featured will be Eugene Barry-Hill as "John," Johnny Fernandez as "Thuy," and Christine Allocca as "Ellen." At certain performances, Michelle Nigalan will play the role of "Kim."

Joseph Anthony Foronda (The Engineer) recently appeared on Broadway as "The Engineer" and was an original cast member of Miss Saigon's first national tour. On Broadway he originated the role of "Lord

Buntaro" in James Clavell's Shotgun: The Musical which premiered at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. Regional credits include The Fantasticks (El Gallo), The Mikado (Ko-Ko), Side By Side By Sondheim, Jacques Brel, Pippin (West Coast Premiere), and The Most Happy Fella with John Raitt (California Music Theatre). Joseph's vocal characterizations have been heard on numerous syndicated radio programs. He has done commercials for Chase Manhattan Bank and Hormel foods. A graduate with honors from San Jose State University's Music Department, Joseph has also completed the Los Angeles Civic Light Opera Musical Theatre Workshop. He has worked on numerous theatrical productions with the Asian American Theatre Project and the Music Theatre Lab at the Los Angeles Theatre Center. He has also performed improv with the Cardboard City Revue and the Second City West Workshops in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Mika Nishida (Kim) previously played the role of "Gigi," in Miss Saigon. She

is the first to play both roles in Miss Saigon in the United States. She was born in Kanagawa Ken, Japan and at a young age moved to the States to pursue a dream in music and the arts. Mika graduated with a BFA from the Boston Conservatory of Music where she majored in Musical Theatre with a minor in Music Composition. She was featured in A Chorus Line (Merry Go Round Play House), The Rocky Horror Picture Show (Palace Theatre, with P.O.E.T.), Hershey Park (where she believes she developed Lactose intolerance from all the chocolate), Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat (Westchester Broadway Theatre) and of course at a local New York Deli as a Deli-girl (she is a bona-fide member of the meat cutter's union). Mika studied the art of puppetry and performed with Kiddle Rock Productions for four years. She also saved the world from evil in Power Ranger, where on her request, she acquired a battle leaving her two steel pins in her left knee which she says is a lot of fun at airport security.

Will Swenson (Chris) has dreamed of playing the role of "Chris" in Miss Saigon since he saw the original cast eight years ago on Broadway. Within the past eight years, he has played the roles of "Nick" in the European tour of Fame the Musical, "Gaston" in Disney's Beauty and the Beast, "Smudge" in the 10th Anniversary Cast of Forever Plaid at DCT, "Weasel" in Crow and Weasel at Sundance and "Dickon" in The Secret Garden at Hale Centre Theatre. Will is a graduate of BYU in Music, Dance and Theatre.

Eugene Barry-Hill (John) comes to us directly from Disney's '98 Tony Award winner for Best Musical, The Lion King, where he played the role of "Mufasa." Prior to that extraordinary experience, he performed the role of "Andre" in the national touring production of The Pointer Sisters Ain't Misbehavin'! starring The Pointer Sisters, where he received outstanding notices for his performance of the infamous Vipers Drag, under the direction of original and Tony nominated director/choreographer Arthur Faria. Mr.

Barry-Hill resided many years in the San Francisco Bay Area performing in such shows as Seesaw starring Tommy Tune, Kiss Me Kate starring Harve Presnell, Two Gentlemen of Verona starring TV's Laverne and Shirley co-star Eddie Mekka (Carmine), Pippin as the Leading Player, and the World Premier of Street Dreams at The Old Spaghetti Factory. He is the recipient of the San Francisco Cabaret Gold Award for Best Concert performance.

Johnny Fernandez (Thuy) was born and raised in Hawaii, beginning his career at the ripe old age of five, where he made his television debut on a show called The Happy Hour. Since then, Johnny has been performing and has recorded two albums "True Love" and "Puede Ba" all over the Pacific, from the Philippines to the Hawaiian Islands. He has made numerous television and film appearances such as One West Waikiki, Mistah, Blade, and The Longest Shadow. Johnny has toured with the likes of the Jets, Nia Peeples, Gary Valenciano, and NKOTB.

Christine Allocca (Ellen) has appeared as "Fatine" in the national tour company of Les Miserables with Colm Wilkinson. She has performed off Broadway in regional productions of A Midsummer Night's Dream (Hermia), Sganarelle (Celie), High Spirits (Elvira), and Uncle Vanya (Sonya). Christine also appeared as "Amelia" in The House of Bernarda Alba at the Mermaid Theatre in London. Her film and television credits include "28 Days," "Law & Order," "The Sopranos," and "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit." Christine is a graduate of Boston University (BFA) and also attended the British American Drama Academy.

Michelle Nigalan (Kim; at certain performances) comes straight from the Broadway stage and is excited to be playing the role of "Kim." Michelle made her Broadway debut at the age of seven where she played a Royal Princess in the production of The King and I starring Yul Brynner. Ten years later she returned to the same theatre to fulfill her lifelong dream of performing in Miss Saigon. Michelle has made several television appearances such as Star Search and

All My Children. Some of her favorite regional performances include "Maggie" in A Chorus Line, "Hodel" in Fiddler on the Roof, "Linda Low" in Flower Drum Song, and "Joanne" in Godspell. Miss Saigon is a musical by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg, the creators of Les Miserables. Music for Miss Saigon is by Mr. Schonberg, with lyrics by Mr.

Boublil and Richard Maltby, Jr., adapted from the original French lyrics by Mr. Boublil. Miss Saigon - this Tony Award-winning story of two young lovers torn apart by the outside world, and held together by a burning passion, is a powerful masterpiece of romance and spectacle that has captured hearts - and awards - around the world.

Tickets range in price from \$17.00-\$72.00. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Auditorium Theatre box office, 50 E. Congress Parkway, or via Ticketmaster at (312) 902-1500, at all Ticketmaster outlets or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Groups of 20 or more may receive a discount by calling (312) 922-2110, ext. 4.

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Midway on Navy Pier a glittering light spells "Shakespeare." It lets you know where this new venue is located. It has just made its dynamic debut with its very first theater offering: "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." It would be putting it mildly to say that this first opening ever in this new venue was excellent. On the contrary it was so outstanding on opening night that it brought the press-night crowd to a standing ovation.

"Joseph" will run through August 20 as follows: Wednesdays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 and 5 p.m. Audiences at the Wednesday and Saturday shows are invited to enjoy Navy Pier's spectacular evening fireworks displays from the comfort of the theater's lobbies. Tickets are reasonably priced at \$38 for adults and \$28 for children ages 12 and under. Chicago Shakespeare Theater

Box Office (312) 595-5600 Location: Navy Pier special parking at the pier. 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival presents its 22nd season of community theatre. Two great shows! "Oklahoma!" July 6, 7 and 8 at 8:00 p.m. "Big, The Musical" July 20, 21 and 22 at 8:00 p.m. Located at the McAuley Auditorium, 3737 W. 99th St. For more information call Patricia Haynes, Managing Director at (773) 881-6512.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Center offers Community Health Education

St. Francis Hospital and Health Center will offer the following programs at the hospital, unless otherwise stated, at the following dates and times:

Adult Fitness Exercise Program: Join the Fitness and Lifestyle Center for a medically-based, individualized exercise program. Individual and family memberships are available from as low as \$32 per month. For more information, call (708) 597-2000, ext. 5615, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

First Aid: Tuesday, July 18, 7-9 p.m. This class covers basic treatment for bleeding wounds, burns, bites and stings, muscle and bone injuries and sudden shock. American Red Cross certification. Cost: \$35. To register, call (708) 385-4433.

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"Mom's Having a Baby" Siblings Class: Wednesday, July 12, 7-9 p.m. Designed for 3-10 year olds, children will learn what babies look like; diapering, feeding and other care; and where mom and the baby will stay while in the hospital. Children should bring a doll or stuffed animal on which to practice each lesson. Parents are asked to remain during class - and cameras are welcome. Cost: \$15 per child, \$25 per family. To register, call (708) 385-4433.

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—Dom Pérignon at
the moment of his
discovery of
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Balloon pilot receives honors

Governor George H. Ryan congratulated Kevin Uliassi on his attempt to be the first solo balloon pilot to travel around the world. Uliassi traveled non-stop for 10 days covering more than 13,000 miles. He established new world records including duration, time spent at high altitudes without pressurization and duration record for a solo pilot. He flew from Loves Park, Illinois to Myanmar (formerly Burma). (Left to right) Governor Ryan and Uliassi.

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Moraine Valley drama student wins award

Mark Dillon of Oak Lawn is this year's recipient of the Kevin Pressley Memorial Scholarship.

The Moraine Valley chapter of Delta Psi Omega, a national theater honors fraternity, awards the Kevin Pressley Memorial Theater Scholarship to a student who has shown a high standard of work in dramatics.

Dillon and other scholarship winners were honoree April 26 at a ceremony on campus.

For more information, phone Barbara Dargis, College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742.



Students at St. Gerald School in Oak Lawn answer questions for prizes given out by A Cook County Cheetah Baseball player to promote the WOW Award Program.

Hawkinson Ford takes WOW Award winners out to the ball game

Hawkinson Ford's Friends of the Community Program donated 3200 Cook County Cheetahs Baseball tickets to local award-winning students. Recipients were winners of the Program's WOW Award. The WOW Award Program works with 19 area schools, including St. Gerald School in Oak Lawn.

The WOW Award is given to students that are nominated by adults and peers within their community for being helpful, standing up for what is right or being an outstanding citizen at school or in the neighborhood. From the nominated students, forty students from each of the nineteen participating schools were randomly picked and awarded 4 tickets each to Cook County Cheetah games throughout the summer.

Hawkinson Ford's Friends of the Community Program developed the WOW Award

to give students something to strive for and encourage them to be outstanding people and citizens within their community. Cheetah players spoke at St. Gerald and other school assemblies about their experiences in baseball. The players stressed that being goal driven, drug free and doing their best at everything they do is the key to success.

Director of Development at St. Gerald School, Denise Taylor, stated, "Hawkinson Ford is so supportive. They are truly great people, wonderful neighbors and members of the community. The WOW Award is encouraging the students to be great citizens. Our students are very excited and the players are well received."

Friends of the Community is a community relations effort of Hawkinson Ford in Oak Lawn to assist area schools and not-for-profit organizations in the community. Hawkinson Ford was established in 1961 by Robert R. Hawkinson and is now run by his four sons and their wives. The dealership continues to be the number one Ford dealer in Illinois.

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Free festivals and events guide lists: Chicago Southland Events through December 2000

Are you planning a vacation or business trip to the Chicago area now through December, 2000? Visitors interested in attending festivals, art shows, theatrical productions and special events in the 60 south and southwest suburbs of Chicago during their stay can request a free copy of the Chicago Southland "Festivals & Events Guide," outlining more than 250 exciting activities in the region.

Produced by the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Festivals and Events Guide details each event, providing date and location, accessibility, and telephone numbers for additional information.

Regional accommodations are also included in the guide for those wishing to spend the evening or weekend enjoying the Chicago Southland's many festivals and events.

The free, foldout guide is available by calling the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau toll-free at (888) 895-8233 (local: 708-895-8200), or by writing the Bureau at 2304 173rd St., Lansing, Illinois 60438. Address e-mail requests to: info@csevb.com.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By Kathy Whirly



Playing the lottery-A dream well spent

It holds an exciting sense of mystery, each time the lotto grand prize sky-rockets into the millions. No one is immune to the fantasy that invokes the question: "What would you do with all that money?" Recently, the \$350,000,000 projected Big Game prize had even occasional players plunking down their hard-earned cash in hopes of hitting it big. With the possible winning ticket in hand, Bill and I enjoyed lengthy conversations on how we'd spend the money. First-off, there'd be a long, luxurious vacation, where we'd bask in the sunshine while we decided what would be next on our shopping agenda. Of course, upon our return home, we'd immediately put the house up for sale, and start searching for the perfect place to build our mansion (and since we have teen-age daughters, you can bet there will be an abundance of bathrooms and telephone!) But being the working class individuals that we are, the reality of what winning such a windfall means, eventually sets in. Would having to give up a piece of your privacy, in the name of privilege be worth it? Would all that dough really make for a better life?

I am not obsessive about money. I'm thankful to have enough money to pay the bills, afford a fairly nice car, send my kids to good schools, along with enjoying an occasional vacation with all the amenities. So far, my wealthiest accomplishments have been of the maternal kind.

When I think of suddenly being the recipient of an enormous amount of cold hard cash, my daydreams float along on the possibility of surprising others when they'd never expect it.

My list of ideas are endless, since I'm always running into worthy situations.

At Christmas, wouldn't it be great to visit Jolly old St. Nick at the mall? You know, that elderly gentleman who dons the famous red suit, who is probably supplementing his pension or hoping the few extra bucks he makes will help fulfill requests on his own grandchildren's wish lists. It would be worth every penny to slip the old guy a couple of crisp, hundred dollar bills and say "Merry Christmas, this one's for you Santa!"

I've also has the fantasy of seeking out a homeless family, and inviting them to a day of fun and shopping. At the end of the day, wouldn't it be awe-inspiring to hand them the keys to a place they could call home? Sort of like being Rosie O'Donnell without the T.V. show or camera crew.

Not every random act of financial kindness would have to be extravagant.

The other day while Bill and I were bike riding around the neighborhood, as we always do, I saw a woman helping her husband do, what looked like, some much needed home improvements. There was a ladder leaning against the house, while mounds of dirt stood in piles on the sidewalk. Her hands and knees were dirt-smudged, and from her expression on her face, it was clear she wished she was somewhere else (anywhere but there.) As I made my way passed her I gave a knowing smile that relayed the message-I know just how you feel.

Perhaps a gift certificate for a quiet dinner for two, and a check to cover the cost of the needed repairs, would have been the answer to her prayers at that moment. OH! for the opportunity to spread a little glee through a little green.

We all have our fantasies about winning the Big One. We all say how much we'd help the poor, cure world hunger, and take almost everyone we've ever met on vacation with us.

But, as luck would have it, the two winners recently came forward to claim their megamillion prize-dashing any hopes I had of a rags to riches reality. But that's okay. I'm still afforded the luxury of dreaming about situations that would benefit from uplifting gestures. It keeps me wistfully hopeful in my little corner of the world. The life fulfilling benefit of having the financial freedom to be able to put your MONEY where your HEART is would be the ultimate prize of all.

So, till the next frenzy of lotto fever hits us, may we all enjoy our fortune fantasies. And as we invest a few dollars toward the possibility of 'what to do with all that money'--may all our dreams be well spent.

Friends Announce Grant Park Concert

The friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a trip to hear violinist Rachel Barton perform at Grant Park on Friday, August 4. An in person registration will be held Saturday, July 8 from 9-11 a.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

The cost of the trip is \$5, which pays for transportation and the concert is free. After the in person registration closes, you may call Genevieve Sobanski to check ticket availability, (708) 598-7971, after 4 p.m.

Directors needed at The Beverly Theatre Guild

The Beverly Theatre Guild needs Directors for two productions in the 2000-2001 Theater Season. One for the drama, "Bad Seed" adapted by Maxwell Anderson from the William March novel to be presented at the Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th Street, Chi., Fri., February 2 and Saturday, Feb., 3 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb., 4 at 2 p.m. A Director is also needed for the romantic comedy, The Philadelphia Story, by Phillip Barry, to be presented, Friday, April 27 and

Saturday, April 28 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m., also at the Art Center. Interested Directors should mail resumes to Ed Fudacz, President of the Beverly Theatre Guild at, 9936 Harnew Road East, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Resumes or letters must include previous directing history or pertinent background to be considered for interviews which will take place in August, interested parties must also include their phone number. These are both paid positions.

Poetry Summer Reading Contest in Oak Lawn

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered by Hollywood's Famous Poets Society and by New Jersey Rainbow Poets. Both are asking for different qualifications in the poems, but they are open for everyone to try.

The grand prize money being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by New Jersey Rainbow Poets. There are 28 prizes in all totaling over \$3,000. To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, PMB70, 103 N. Wood Ave., Linden, NJ, 07036. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com. The deadline for entering is July 20, 2000. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might be a love poem or a nature poem, one that inspires. All entrants will receive a winner's list.

Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a new poetry contest open to everyone. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, PMB126, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, CA, 90028. Or enter online at www.famouspoets.com. The deadline for entering is July 27, 2000.

Registration is still underway for "Read for the Fun of It," a library-wide summer

reading program offered for the children, teens and adults at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. The program ends August 11.

For additional information, call (708) 422-4990, or visit the library's web site: www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us.

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The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Great America on Friday, July 21. The bus leaves the Palos Hills Golf Course, 7301 W. 105th Street, at 8:30 a.m. and returns at 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$29.00 (fee includes transportation and admission). For grades 6th through 12th. Stop by the Park Department office, 8017 W. 103rd Street and register now before all tickets are sold out. For more information call (708) 430-4500.

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering a trip downtown to see Venetian Night on Saturday, July 29. The bus will leave the Palos Hills Golf Course, 7301 W. 105th St. at 4:00 p.m. and returns at 11:00 p.m. The fee is \$10.00. Register at the Palos Hills Park Department office, 8017 W. 103rd St. For more information call (708) 430-4500.

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7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Professor Workman will review the basic Hieroglyphic Alphabet, show you how to write your own name in Ancient Egyptian, and show some new discoveries. The Lecture should give everyone a better understanding of what they'll see at the Art Institute and help them to enjoy "Pharaohs of the Sun."

Free call 312-747-2805 for more information.

Pierogi Fest 2000 stuffed with fun!

Bigger and better than ever, Whiting's Pierogi Festival 2000 will take place July 28,29 from 10 am to 10 pm and July 30 from noon till 5 pm in historic downtown Whiting.

Now in its 6th year, the pierogi Fest was named "Best Festival of the Year 1999" by the Lake County Convention & Visitors Bureau. This year's festival will bring back such favorites as Mrs. T's Polka parade on Friday evening starring the Babushka Brigade and the Precision Lawn Mower Drill Team among other wacky others.

Throughout the weekend there will be live Polka Bands, International Slovak Dancers, an Arts and Crafts Show, Beer Garden, ethnic food booths, a Kids Kourt with rides and an 1920s

carousel, Bingo, local dance troupes and a song fest with Mr. Pierogi himself and his dancing Pieroguettes! You can even karaoke at the new Pierogi-Oke Booth.

Specialty acts scheduled are Ronald McDonald and his Magic Show at noon on Saturday, singer Danni Ray plus the Step Dances of the Dennehy Irish Dancers Friday evening, and well-known polka band Jerry Zahara and the Happy Stars both Friday and Saturday nights. And put on your bib as Sunday afternoon is the time for the annual Pierogi Toss and Pierogi Eating Contest.

There's something for everyone and more pierogi than there are in Warsaw at this year's fest. For information call the Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber at 219-659-0292.

"Wizard of Oz" Movie in the Park

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is hosting a Movie in the Park, on Wednesday, July 26 (rain date August 9). The movie being shown will be "Wizard of Oz." Lawn seating will be available in Indian Woods Park, 100th St. and 82nd Ave. (bring a blanket or lawn chair and your picnic basket. No alcohol allowed.). The movie will begin at dusk. There is no admission fee. This event is being sponsored by the First State Bank & Trust Company of Palos Hills. For more information call (708) 430-4500.

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• Sun., July 23rd - 8:00-10:00pm CIRRUS FALCON

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In addition, there will be popcorn, fresh squeezed lemonade, hot dogs, soda, bloomin' onions, corn of the cob, elephant ears, rootbeer floats, cheesecakes, donuts, capacino and more.

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank State Representative Jim Brosnahan for hosting his annual town hall meeting for the residents of the 36th District.

The craft show will take place in the downtown area of LaGrange, on both sides of LaGrange Road (Rt. 45) starting at the Burlington Northern railroad tracks and extending south to Cossitt Avenue and in the Village Hall parking lot.

The hours of the show are Saturday, July 8, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 9, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For further information call Midwest Art and Craft Fairs at (630) 739-1071.

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It is refreshing to have an elected official, such as Representative Brosnahan who is responsible and accessible to the people he represents.

Sincerely,
Tom Kill, Oak Lawn.

What is called a sincere
work is one that is
endowed with enough
strength to give reality
to an illusion.

—Max Jacob

St. Laurence offers Student Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted for a \$1,500 First State Bank & Trust Co. of Palos Hills student scholarship at St. Laurence High School, Burbank.

The annual scholarship is based on academic standing and financial need, according to Marvin A. Siensa, bank chairman of the board and chief executive officer. "Once again we are extremely pleased to provide support to St. Laurence's high quality educational program," he said.

To be eligible, the student must be a resident of Burbank, Hickory Hills, Palos Hills, Palos Heights, Palos Park, Justice, Worth, or Oak Lawn. The scholarship is available for the 2000-2001 academic year.

Deep River Bristol Renaissance Waterpark Faire

The Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Departments is sponsoring a trip to the Deep River Waterpark, in Crown Point, Indiana on Tuesday, July 11. The bus will leave the Palos Hills Golf Course, 7301 W. 105th St. at 8:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome (children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult). The fee is \$20.00 (includes entry to the park and transportation only), lunch and refreshments are on your own. Register now at the Park Department office, 8017 W. 103rd St. For more information call (708) 430-4500.

For further information and an application, contact Bob Hogan, director of the annual fund of St. Laurence High School, at (708) 458-7898.

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age road, turn right and travel 1/2 mile. From the north take exit #347 Highway 165/Q turn right to the frontage road, turn left and travel about 2 miles.

Dates open: Saturdays and Sundays, June 24 to August 20, 2000, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Open rain or shine. The cost to get in for adults is \$16.50; children ages 5-12 is \$7.50; children under 5 are free; senior citizens/students \$15.50; season passes are \$75.00.

Group and advance rates are available for groups of 25 or more. A prepaid adult is \$10.50 to \$13.75, depending on quantity ordered. Prepaid children, ages 5-12, is \$4.50 to \$5.50, depending on quantity ordered. A consignment adult is \$13.75 and a consignment child is \$5.50.

For information on group and advance ticket sales call (847) 395-7773, ext. 237, ask for Jim Farris. For more information on Bristol Renaissance Faire visit the website at www.renfair.com.

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| 3:00-5:00 Unicyclist | 2:00-5:00 Caricature Artist |
| 3:30-5:30 Face Painting | 3:00-4:00 Hoffmann Kingdom of Animals |
| 4:00-6:00 A.J. Weir "The Master Balloonist" | 4:00-5:00 Bob & Chlco Organ Grinder |
| 5:00-5:45 Wheel of Wisdom | 4:00-6:00 A.J. Weir "The Master Balloonist" |
| 5:30-7:30 Stiltwalker | 5:00-5:45 Wheel of Wisdom |

Beer Garden Entertainment

| July 6th | July 7th | July 8th | July 9th |
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| 7:00-8:30 Last Call | 6:00-7:30 The New Invaders | 6:00-7:30 The Essentials | 5:00-6:30 Cartoon Gypsy |
| 9:00-10:30 Infinity | 8:00-9:30 Rico | 8:00-9:30 American English | 7:00-8:30 Now & Then |
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High School Graduates receive Scholarship Award

Adam J. Zwirkoski, from Oak Lawn High School, is very active; a four year member of the soccer, tennis and chess teams, a three year member of the forensics team, and a two year member of the mathletes team, and has captained three of these teams. Adam was also Vice-President of the National Honor Society; president of Student Helpers, secretary of the Thespians and Dramatics clubs, member of the 3rd place speech team, and staff writer for the OLCHS Newspaper. As an athlete, Adam was Most Valuable Player and 1st team All Conference in soccer and a member of the championship conference tennis team.

Adam's cumulative grade point average is a 4.275 on a 4.0 scale and ranks 3rd in a class of 349. He plans to attend Olivet Nazarene University to study Mathematics and Education.

Estera Barbaras is a 2000 Richards High School graduate. Estera was Senior Class President, Salutatorian, was on the student council executive board, National Honor Society vice president, newspaper news editor, and received the Illinois

Junior Miss Scholastic Award, Most Valuable Player for Academic Decathlon, and the Elks National Scholarship.

Estera plans to complete four years at the University of Chicago and possibly attend Law School. She is considering a career in either Law, Political Science, or International Relations.

Beth Purdy recently graduated from Bremen High School in Midlothian. Beth was involved with athletics, activities, and community service throughout high school. She participated in the swimming program at Bremen for four years; receiving Most Valuable Senior Swimmer for the 1999-2000 season. Beth was the Executive Board President of Student Council for two years and was also a member of the National Honor Society, Mathletes, Quiz Bowl, Choir, and Drama all four years. Beth is an active member at her church, St. Christopher Parish of Midlothian. She is a volunteer math tutor, and she chaired last two Christmas food drives as Bremen.

Beth plans to attend Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois. She will major in mathematics secondary education. She also plans to continue to participate in music, which has always been her true passion. Her dream is to return to Bremen High School to teach math and become active in the swimming program and other activities.

Brother Rice Soccer Camp

Brother Rice High School, 10001 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, will host a soccer camp for boys and girls in grades 1-8 from July 5-14. Members of the Br. Rice coaching staff will instruct campers in soccer fundamentals and techniques such as footwork, passing and heading. The camp cost is \$65. For more information, call Nick Markulin, at (773) 779-3410, ext. 384.

Local company celebrates 40 successful years

Davis Staffing, Inc., a family owned and operated firm, will celebrate 40 years of success this September as a local staffing service meeting the employment needs of businesses and individuals throughout the Chicago Southland and Northwest Indiana areas. The corporate

office is located in Olympia Fields, Illinois and the firm has branch offices in Oak Lawn, Illinois as well as Munster, Indiana.

As Chicagoland continues to experience record low unemployment rates, Davis successfully provides qualified and experienced clerical

and light industrial employees to a wide range of clients through temporary help placements, temp-to-hire placements, full-time staffing, and long-term staffing. The company can also provide customized staffing programs tailored to suit the unique requirements of individual businesses, which is particularly important as businesses are instituting new initiatives such as flexible scheduling. At the same time, Davis partners with employees helping them find fulfilling job opportunities in the local market that suit their individual needs.

According to Deborah Davis, President of Davis Staffing, Inc., the reason for continued success is due to an unwavering commitment to meet the needs of the business clients as well as the needs of the field employees. "We put ourselves in the shoes of our clients as well as our field employees. Then we ask, what can we do better?" Deborah Davis is the second generation of leadership for the business her mother started from the recreation room of her

Matteson, Illinois home. One of the company's initiatives involves drug screening every employee before placing them on a job assignment. The company also strives to pay its field employees the best possible wage. "We believe that an employee who is satisfied with his or her wage will strive for excellence when placed on an assignment," says Davis.

Davis is a certified Women Business Enterprise in Illinois and Indiana, which enables it to work with businesses that are required to work with minority or women owned businesses. To contact the office nearest you, call toll free at (888) 61-DAVIS.

Science is a first-rate piece of furniture for a man's upper chamber, if he has common sense on the ground floor.

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Select a real estate attorney as carefully as you chose your agent. Buying a home is probably the most important and expensive activity in your life, so you want to guarantee that all goes well. The best attorney recommendations come from real estate agents or by family or friends who have had a good experience. Once you have a couple of referrals, thoroughly interview each attorney. Ask about a schedule of fees and what these cover, how long the attorney has been practicing in real estate and how easily he/she can be reached with questions. Remember, the attorney should be considering your best interests first.

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Disney Channel Premears In The Park offers Chicago area families a night of entertainment for all ages

Disney Channel, the leader in television for kids and families, will come to Chicago during its fourth annual summer tour, Disney Channel PremEARS in the Park. The event is presented by Reebok and AT&T Cable Services, where Disney Channel is available as part of expanded basic service.

Disney Channel PremEARS in the Park will transform The New World Music Theatre, an SFX Entertainment-owned venue located in Tinley Park, Illinois, into a one night only mini movie festival on Thursday, July 13 beginning at 6:00 p.m. (rain or shine). On a giant screen, kids and families will be treated to a free, local premiere of the Disney Channel original movie, *Ready to*

Run, never before seen on television.

Along with the movie, families will also enjoy a variety of all new Disney Channel themed activity areas. At the Reebok Traxtar Challenge activity area, kids will get to try on Reebok's new Traxtar shoes and then play a "Z Game" from the popular Disney Channel original reality series that showcases the games kids create themselves. Additionally, there will be areas where kids can participate in photo opportunities on the sets of several different Disney Channel Original Movies, including *Alley Cats Strike!*, *Rip Girls* and *Up, Up and Away*, as well as a side stage.

PremEARS in the Park will also feature perfor-

mances by two rising musical acts, Hoku and BB Mak, who recently starred in Disney Channel's M2M and BB Mak In Concert. Both acts will perform prior to the screening of the movie.

"Due to the overwhelming response we've received to the PremEARS in the Park the past three summers, we are bringing Disney Channel back to the communities of our kids and family viewers and making this year's events bigger and better," said Adam Sanderson, senior vice president of marketing. "With our partners Reebok, AT&T Wireless and AT&T Cable Services, this year's event promises more activities and entertainment than ever before." Canned food donations for the "Can Film Festival," a campaign

coordinated by AT&T Cable Services in support of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, will be collected on site. Families are encouraged (but not required) to contribute to this charitable cause.

Local residents can call (708) 614-1616 for event information. Admission to the event is free of charge, however, parking fees may apply at the venue. Seating is first come, first served.

Chicago is just one of the ten cities on the Disney Channel PremEARS in the Park 2000 tour. Other cities include: Riverport Amphitheatre in St. Louis, MO (July 11); Merriweather Post Pavilion in

Baltimore, MD (July 16); Tweeter Center in Boston, MA (July 18); Jones Beach Theatre in Wantagh, NY (July 20); Riverbend Music Center in Cincinnati, OH (July 22); Starplex Amphitheatre in Dallas, TX (July 24); Blockbuster Desert Sky Pavilion in Phoenix, AZ (July 27); Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre in Irvine, CA (July 30); and The Chronicle Pavilion in San Francisco, CA (August 3).

It is true that I was born in Iowa, but I can't speak for my twin sister.
—Abigail Van Buren (Dear Abby)



The average human eye blinks 17,000 times a day, or once every five seconds.

Drury Lane Theatre's 'Murder By The Book'

John R. Lazzara, C.E.O./Executive Producer is pleased to announce the opening of his newest production, *Murder by the Book*. Written by Dunean Greenwood and Robert King, and directed by David Mink, *Murder by the Book* is a "crisp, witty, light-hearted thriller" with exciting twists and a perplexing cast of characters. Meet an internationally famous author, his "naive" secretary, his vengeful ex-wife, his double crossing publisher and a mysterious neighbor. Sleuth along with the savvy investigator as he untangles the web amidst the murderous mayhem. *Murder by the Book's* talented cast and great script will keep you entertained and guessing until the very end.

This murder mystery comedy will be shown July 12 through August 27, 2000. Performances of *Murder by the Book* are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 8:30 p.m.; Friday evenings at 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.; Sundays at 3:30 p.m. Selected Wednesday evening performances on August 9, 16, & 23 at 8:00 p.m.

Individual ticket prices are \$26.00 for show only; \$34.00 to \$45.00 for show with lunch or dinner including tax and gratuity. Senior citizen discounts of \$2.00 per person are available for all matinee performances with greater discounts for groups of 20 or more.

For group information call (708) 422-0042. For individual tickets and dinner/show tickets or to take advantage of our Subscription Series 2000 you may call the Box Office at (708) 422-0404. You can also visit us at our website www.drurylane.com for information and online reservations.

Drury Lane Theatre is located at 2500 W. 95th St. in Evergreen Park, IL., 60805, two miles west of the Dan Ryan Expressway, 20 minutes from downtown Chicago. The entire restaurant/theatre complex (including six dining rooms) is wheelchair accessible. Valet and free self-parking are available.

I never travel without my diary. One should always have something sensational to read.
—Oscar Wilde

Upcoming at Drury Lane Theatre:

Sept. 6-Oct. 15 -- *And the World Goes 'Round*, directed and choreographed by Marc Robin.

Oct. 17-22 -- Debbie Reynolds

Nov. 1-Jan. 14, 2001 -- *A Christmas Fantasy On Ice*, produced and directed by John R. Lazzara and Richard Porter.

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Bobby Vinton - March 20-25
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Gator's Golf Guide

by Bob Gates



Would you purposely try to ruin a golf swing? This is a question which seems to require no answer since common sense would tell you no. Yet this is exactly what many golfers unknowingly do through a very common swing fault. Because of how tightly they grip the club, tension is created in the hands, arms, and shoulders, and this is a very definite deterrent to a fluid golf swing. It ruins what might otherwise be a potentially sound swing.

Why then do golfers grip the club with such a choke hold? Those who do, feel this will result in greater distance and better control, so they continue to just grip it and rip it. If you are guilty of this, and many golfers are, you discovered a noticeable loss in distance and lack of accuracy were the results.

I often have golfers tell me they are experiencing a big loss in distance and want to know why. One of the first things I look at is their tempo. If they are not smooth and fluid in the way they swing, this is usually an indication that the grip pressure is part of the problem. Generally the club is being squeezed too tightly, causing tension. This

often occurs as the ball is addressed or as the swing begins. If concentration is on the ball this usually causes the hands, forearms, and shoulders to tighten, resulting in a quick and jerky swing. Instead, forget the ball, and concentrate on a particular swing thought. This swing thought can be a single word, and that word is associated with the problem being experienced.

To illustrate, let's assume you're picking the club up too quickly as you start your swing. Concentrate your thinking on the word *low*. Or if you are too fast as you begin your swing, concentrate your effort on the word *smooth*. The effect of this is to get your focus off the ball and on your swing thought, thereby reducing the tension you've created by being so ball oriented.

This concept is built around the idea that you cannot think of two things simultaneously as you swing, because the time it takes to swing the club is only a little more than one second. If your focus remains on the ball, how can you concentrate on your swing thought?

You are truly a gifted person if you can do this. Remember, the ball gets hit not by you concentrating on trying to make it happen, but rather because the ball gets in the way of the clubhead at impact.

Tension also often appears as the top of the backswing is reached and just prior to starting the downswing. Golfers will then squeeze the club even tighter, which causes a faster tempo on the downswing and a loss of synchronization at impact.

Maintaining a soft grip pressure throughout the swing will certainly be an important step in eliminating tension. This in turn can only lead to a smoother swing and better consistency in your ball striking.

I have a new teaching aid now available. It is a booklet entitled *Your Personal Guide To a Good Set Up*. If interested in the booklet or private golf lessons, Bob Gates can be contacted at (708) 425-8637 or (708) 857-2214.



McAuley Alumnae 'Fun Racer'

Enjoy a fun, family day as the Mother McAuley High School/Saint Xavier Academy Alumnae Association holds its second annual Fun Racer (5K Run/Walk) on Saturday, July 15, 2000 (rain or shine). The event will be held on a challenging hilly course - run/walk on trails and grass at Bull Frog Lake, 96th and Wolf Road, in Willow Springs. There will be first place awards for winners (alumnae, female and male), music and refreshments. Registered participants will receive goody bags and T-shirts.

Mary Ellen Clifford '84, McAuley's Cross Country coach has worked on the layout of the course with Chuck Hinde, a USA Track and Field Official. "Bull Frog is one of the top ten most challenging

courses in the state of Illinois and offers something for the novice runner as well as the experienced runner. For those who participated in cross country in junior high school, the course is very familiar since it is run during the season and for regional and sectional meets," said Coach Clifford.

McAuley Alumnae train-



ing for this event and members of the committee include: Mary Moore '69 (Evergreen Park), Mary Ellen Carroll Clifford '84 (Chicago-Mt. Greenwood), Suzie McKoon '87 (Oak Lawn), Clare McAuliffe Staudacher '86 (Chicago-Morgan Park), Anna Racky Distel '67 (Oak Lawn), Anitra Hutcherson '92 (Chicago-Roseland), Nikki Scherr '93 (Chicago), Kristin Stringham '93 (Chicago), Jeanne Hobart Ostrowski '88 (Oak Forest), Lynne Millerick Murray '88 (Chicago-Beverly), Amy Dwyer '93 (Chicago), Bronwyn

The Fireside announces 2001 season

The Fireside Dinner Theatre in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin is proud to announce its 2001 theatre season. Group bookings, season tickets, and individual show reservations are all available now.

The new season begins on December 28, 2000 with an original revue entitled "And They Called It Ireland." This is the Fireside's own celebration of all that is Irish including the traditional step dancing popularized by Riverdance. Opening on March 1, 2001 will be the story of the legendary Don Quixote and his eternal quest for justice and goodness in a once in a lifetime production of *Man Of La Mancha*. For the summer, starting on May 10th is the Pulitzer Prize Winning play about friendship set in America's deep south -- *Driving Miss Daisy*.

Then beginning on July 19th The Fireside is proud to be among the first regional theatres in the country to present the 1997 Tony Award Winner for Best Musical, *Titanic*. Soaring songs, grand staging and glorious costumes make this historic musical a must see event.

And speaking of must see events, the 2001 season ends as it does every year with an all new edition of *A Fireside Christmas* - The Fireside's most popular show of every season.

The Fireside is proud to be Wisconsin's #1 year-round motorcoach attraction serving guests from throughout the United States and Canada. The Fireside's 2001 season will be their 24th season of theatre and the Klopke Family's 38th year of restaurant hospitality. Professional singers, actors and dancers are selected from regular New York auditions. Musical directors, choreographers and designers from across the country vie for the opportunity to work with The Fireside and producer Ed Flesch, who has been with the theatre since their opening in 1978.

Performances run Wednesday through Sunday with five matinees and four evening shows each week. Dinner is served prior to each performance with a variety of menus to choose from. The two-acre entertainment center also includes five beautifully decorated gift shops

featuring the area's largest selection of fine merchandise including many popular collectible lines. Located on Business Hwy 26 South in Fort Atkinson, The Fireside is the perfect complement to any Wisconsin vacation, weekend getaway, or one-day destination. For more information and reservations, contact The Fireside at 1-800-477-9505 or P.O. Box 7, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin 53538; or visit their website at www.firesidetheatre.com.

Academic achiever earns scholarship at Moraine Valley

Laura Brown-Dombrowski of Chicago Ridge is this year's Adult Center scholarship winner.

This scholarship is awarded to an adult student who demonstrates academic excellence.

Brown-Dombrowski and other scholarship winners were honored April 26 at a ceremony on campus.

For more information, phone Barbara Dargis, College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742.



Learn the dynamics of marriage and family at Moraine Valley

Among the flexible learning opportunities at Moraine Valley this summer is a four-week sociology course on Marriage and Family. Students will explore marriage and family as institutions. Other concepts such as child rearing are explored.

Marriage and Family meets Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 8-11:50 a.m., beginning July 10.

Tuition is \$44 per credit hour plus books and fees. Registration is underway.

Information on courses, times, and dates is available in the Moraine Valley summer semester schedule of courses. For more information on registration, phone (708) 974-2110, or visit the Moraine Valley Web site at www.moraine.cc.il.us.

Kids tune into plants and animals at Moraine Valley

A science class, designed for children aged 9 years and older, user a laboratory for the study of plants and animals. Children are encouraged to learn the scientific approach in a fascinating and enriching environment.

Science Concepts meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30-4:30 p.m., for four weeks, beginning July 18. The fee is \$72.

For more information on the science class, or for other classes for children offered this summer, phone the Valley Learning Center at (708) 974-5735.

Information on courses, times, and dates is available in the Moraine Valley summer semester schedule of courses. For more information on registration, phone (708) 974-2110, or visit the Moraine Valley Web site at www.moraine.cc.il.us.

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Little Company marks 50th Anniversary of Medical History Landmark

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first living organ transplant in the world -- a kidney -- that took place at the Hospital on June 17, 1950. The landmark operation paved the way for a new field of medicine -- transplant surgery. The surgical team, led by Little Company of Mary Hospital physicians Richard Lawler, M.D., James West, M.D., and Raymond Murphy, M.D., gave a kidney to Mrs. Dorothy Tucker, a 49 year old patient of Edward J. Clancy, who also was on staff at Little Company, referred his patient to Dr. Lawler as a suitable candidate for the procedure. P.H. McNulty, M.D., a urologist, was the fifth member of the medical team.

John P. Hanlon, M.D., current President of the Little Company Professional Staff spoke of the anniversary. "We are proud of Little Company's legacy in organ transplantation. Finding new and innovative ways to care for our patients has been a primary focus of our mission since the Sister of Little Company of Mary came to Evergreen Park in 1930. That dedication to care continues today." A suitable donor, who was kept anonymous at her family's request, was found. The surgery took place in two adjoining operating rooms, beginning within 15 minutes after the donor passed away. The operation, which only took 45 minutes, was witnessed by 40 other physicians. A photographer hired to cover the

event who was not accustomed to viewing operations, fainted, so a physician in the audience finished recording the event.

"As we reflect on our past 70 years, one of the biggest milestones of the many advancements of Little Company of Mary was the first kidney transplant performed here by Drs. Lawler, West and Murphy," said Sister Kathleen McIntyre, L.C.M., President of the Hospital. "Though the focus of Little Company has moved to other areas of medicine, our primary focus was then, and continues today, to be providing professional, compassionate care to all who come through our doors."

In 1999, more than 21,000 organ and tissue transplants took place, thanks in part to advances in surgery that were a direct result of that day a half century ago. According to the Regional Organ Bank of Illinois, in Illinois and Northwest Indiana, 857 organ and tissue transplants occurred in 1999.

Mrs. Tucker lived five years after her surgery. Dr. Lawler passed away in 1982, but many of the other people involved in this historic event are still a part of Little Company of Mary Hospital. James West is retired from Little Company. In addition to his pioneering efforts in transplantation, he was instrumental in advancing the study of alcoholism as a disease through his work to launch the Betty Ford Clinic and his many years as the Clinic's medical director. Dr.

Bernard Murphy also retired from Little Company and is still an active member of the Evergreen Park community. Sister Joseph Casey, L.C.M., who was a student nurse who cared for Mrs. Tucker, has been a Sister of the Hospital for 50 years and now serves as a Patient Advocate there. Mary Lou Zidek, a nurse who assisted the anesthesiologist during the surgery, has been a dedicated volunteer and a member of the Hospital Auxiliary for many years. In 1999, Little Company was recognized with two public resolutions saluting the event, one from Illinois State Representative James Brosnahan and a second from Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White. Dr. Murphy returned to Little Company to accept the plaque from Secretary White.

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers based in Evergreen Park, Illinois, deliver technology advance services through a 306-bed, acute-care hospital; a new Cancer Center affiliated with the

Medical Oncology Group of the University of Chicago Hospitals opening fall 2000; an Oak Lawn Care Station and Home Health Equipment Center; as well as unique community health education centers in Evergreen Plaza and Chicago Ridge Mall. Little Company's 70 year heritage of providing quality, compassionate care lives today through its more than 2,000 employees who embody the mission of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, owners and operators. The Sisters are an international congregation of women providing health care to the 14 communities they serve worldwide.



This dedicated team of physicians performed the first organ transplantation operation in the world at Little Company of Mary Hospital on June 18, 1950. From left: Raymond P. Murphy, M.D., Edward J. Clancy, M.D., Richard Lawler, M.D., James West, M.D., and P.H. McNulty, M.D. Little Company is recognizing the 50th anniversary of this medical milestone.

Moraine Valley students win scholarship

Cynthia L. Buda of Willow Springs and Rose M. Glennon of Palos Heights are recipients of the 2000 Science and Business Scholarship. These scholarships are bestowed on students who

are enrolled or accepted in a program offered through Moraine Valley's Science and Business subdivision.

Buda and Glennon and other scholarship winners were honored April 26 at a ceremony on Campus.

For more information, phone Barbara Dargis, College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742.



Tips On Trips

Notes For Travelers

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With college tuition costs expected to continue to rise, investors may be trying to find prudent ways to finance their children's education. Of course, there are plenty of ways to save for college costs, including purchasing U.S. savings bonds, zero coupon bonds, or growth stocks; opening a custodial account; or establishing a trust. But the passage of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 created another choice that can offer some significant tax advantages: the Education IRA.

Unlike traditional IRAs, Qualified withdrawals from Education IRAs are federal income tax-free. In addition, you don't have to wait until you're 59 1/2 to begin taking federal tax-and-penalty-free distributions. In fact, the designated beneficiary (perhaps your child or grandchild) must take all distributions before age 30, unless the IRA is rolled over to another qualified family member. Contributions are not deductible, however, the beneficiary is not taxed or subject to early withdrawal penalties on distributions, provided the funds are used to pay for qualified higher education-related expenses. These expenses

include tuition, certain room and board, books, supplies, and other necessary equipment. In addition, the beneficiary can make qualified tax-free withdrawals, even if he or she is only enrolled in school on a part-time basis. (The student must be attending school on at least a half-time basis for certain room and board reimbursements to qualify.)

Contributions to an Education IRA are limited to \$500 per child per year. The child must be under age 18 and cannot have contributions made on his or her behalf to a qualified state tuition program. You can contribute to as many different Education IRAs as you wish, provided you are not subject to the income limitations. This means if you have three children, you may contribute \$500 to each of their accounts each year, for total Education IRA contributions of \$1,500. For each child, the aggregate annual contribution to all Education IRAs cannot exceed \$500. So, if you already have contributed \$500 to your child's Education IRA for a given year, your parents cannot contribute an additional \$500 to

another account for the same child.

Contributions to an Education IRA may be made by the parents, grandparents, or even the child. (The child must be under 18, but there is no earned income requirement.) The \$500 contribution to an Education IRA may be made in addition to the \$2,000 maximum contribution to your other IRAs. That is to say, you can invest a total of \$2,000 annually into your Traditional and/or Roth IRA (a combined total of \$4,000 for married couples filing jointly), plus an additional \$500 into an Education IRA for each child or grandchild. However, eligibility to make contributions phases out at adjusted gross income (AGI) levels between \$95,000 and \$110,000 for single taxpayers, and between \$150,000 and \$160,000 for married couples filing jointly.

If there is any remaining balance in the Education IRA after the beneficiary has completed his or her schooling, the funds must be distributed to the beneficiary before he or she reaches 30 years of age. The portion attributable to contributions is

tax-and-penalty-free, while the portion attributable to earnings is taxable to the beneficiary as ordinary income and may be subject to a 10% penalty. Alternatively, you can make a tax-and-penalty-free rollover of the remaining Education IRA funds into an Education IRA of a qualified family member. Qualifying family members include the beneficiary's child, brother, sister, nephew, niece, certain in-laws, and their spouses.

To learn more about the new Education IRA and other legislative changes included in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, call your Financial Advisor.

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Marriage conflicts may affect mental and physical health

Failure to select a mate who shares a similar value system, has family or cultural similarities and a compatible personality can negatively affect much more than the marriage—it can also affect mental and physical health, according to Phillip L. Elbaum, L.C.S.W., a clinical social worker and assistant professor in the department of psychiatry at Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood, Illinois.

Poor mate selection can lead to marital discord, which in turn may lead to a higher risk of psychiatric disorders such as depression, alcohol or drug abuse and anxiety disorders, according to Elbaum, who also is a social work clinical manager at the Edward Hines Jr. Veterans Affairs Hospital, Hines, Illinois.

Marital discord occurs when couples engage in negative criticism, or in contempt, which occurs when one person attacks the other's self-esteem and the other becomes defensive.

"While the link between selection of a compatible mate and a harmonious marriage seems obvious, the number of individuals who have psychiatric disorders related to marriage problems indicates that some people miss, or ignore, early warning

signs in a relationship," said Elbaum.

In fact, research indicates that 42 percent of patients who seek mental health services are identified as having psychiatric problems, such as anxiety, depression and substance abuse related to marital problems. Women in particular, are at risk for depression if marriage problems surface.

"A major misconception is that relationship issues manifested during the dating and engagement periods will suddenly disappear after marriage," said Elbaum. "In reality, for many people, these problems continue to exist or get worse as the marriage progresses."

Another common theme among couples who face problems is when either person fails to take responsibility for his/her actions and withdrawals, which in turn can lead to a conversation ending without a resolution, noted Elbaum. "The inability of couples to regulate conflicts or bridge their differences successfully is the leading reason why 50 percent of marriages in the United States and 60 percent of second marriages end up in divorce," said Elbaum. Research indicates that half of the U.S. marriages end in seven years.

The first two years are the most critical in a marriage, with divorce peaking in the second year.

Elbaum notes that research conducted by John Gottman, professor of psychology at the University of Washington in Seattle, has shown that extreme personality traits, such as aggressiveness, volatility or antisocial behavior can negatively impact a relationship.

"Couples who argue, but provide each other positive feedback, can enjoy solid marriages," added Elbaum. "Arguing and differences between couples are healthy when they are goal directed, issue focused and do not attack the other partner's self-esteem."

In fact, healthy marriages can serve as buffers against stress because individuals in successful relationships can better able to manage other problems and issues in their lives, said Elbaum. "What's important is not who you choose as a mate, but how you deal with your choice," he said.

Elbaum advises that people be aware of the situation and get into a successful conflict regulation mode by engaging in a dialogue that fosters constructive communication and respect.

In Realty celebrating Its 25th Anniversary

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For most of its 25 years, In Realty has operated on its own, said Dybala. They've

moved once -- from a location just east of their current home at 6165 S. Archer Ave.

Dybala is active in the United Business Association of Midway and the Garfield Ridge Chamber of Commerce, which she served as a past president. She also helps the American Cancer Society with financial donations and by serving on a regional board.

In Realty will donate \$100 to American Cancer Society in memory, or in honor, of your loved one for each sale or purchase from now until the end of the year.

Dybala is proud of the place the business holds within the community.

June 16, 2000 -- Navy Seaman Recruit Karli R. McArthur, daughter of Kelly A. Brennan of Burbank, Illinois, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois.

June 13, 2000 -- Marine Corps Private Anthony J. Chavez, son of Patricia Lopez of Burbank, Illinois, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Marine Corps Pvt. Stanislaw Rapclak, son of Stanislaw Rapclak and Zigmunt Rapclak of 8160 S. Mulligan Ave., Burbank, Ill., recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Rapclak successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Rapclak and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values -- honor, courage, and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct. Rapclak and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Military Columns-students join U.S. Army

Eric R. Lisitza has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Oak Lawn, Ill.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

He is the son of Patrice A. Marzano of 6220 W. 94th St., Oak Lawn.

Anthony D. Castillo has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Oak Lawn, Ill.

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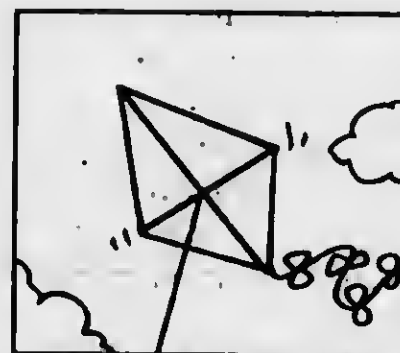
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St. Laurence stu- dent selected to at- tend venturing jamboree in Japan

Chris Kerzich, a student at St. Laurence High School and resident of Bedford Park has been selected to attend a scouting jamboree in Japan later this summer. He will be among five scouts from the Des Plaines Valley Council and one of only 20 from the United States who will attend the fifth annual Nippon Venturing Jamboree in Oita, Japan.

There will be over 5,000 participants at the event. Only twenty will be from the United States and only 200 from countries other than Japan. Venturing is associated with the Boy Scouts organization and is open to scouts ages 14-21. The Des Plaines Valley Council represents scouting groups from surrounding suburbs from Northlake to Lemont.

In addition to jamboree, Kerzich and the other members of his group will tour Tokyo, participate in a Youth Forum with other Venturers from Japan and Korea, and visit the Minister of Education in Tokyo. They will also be involved with activities on Kyushu Island and in Okinawa. Kerzich was selected based on his leadership abilities and essay, and an interview.



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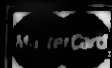
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Daley College again tops in Argonne internships

Daley College has been awarded nine of twenty-five Department of Energy internships at Argonne National Laboratory this summer--more this summer than any other college in the nation, noted Dr. Harold Myron, Director of Educational Programs at the laboratory. This is the second year that Daley College has topped the list. Myron noted that in addition, two of last summer's interns, Manuel Almazan and Mark Hattoon, are returning this year. Almazan's summer project was among those selected for presentation in Washington D.C. last fall to the Department of Energy and to members of congress. Almazan and Hattoon are being supported in the internships by Argonne departments in which they worked last summer. New interns this year from Daley College are Abdulilah Al-Zayyat, Tanya Crum, Anne Marie Fisher, Robert Joslin, Leonard Melo, Michael Peck, Jairo Sanchez, Waleed Shalabi, and Summers Stacks.

Each student was nominated for the summer assignments by college faculty. During the eight week internship, they will be working directly with nationally-known scientists in fields such as computer science, biotechnology, human genetics, and structural biology. "We are honored and delighted to receive this news. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students," noted Mark Warden, Beverly resident and Interim President of Daley College. "There are few better ways to begin a career in science than by working as an intern at Argonne National Laboratory. I am extremely proud of these students, and of the faculty who have mentored and supported them to this achievement." Summer interns at the Argonne National Laboratory are paid \$350 a week plus \$75 a week housing allowance. The housing allowance is provided because interns often come from other areas of the country, but is given also to students who live at home. Richard J. Daley College,

located at 7500 S. Pulaski Road, is one of the seven City Colleges of Chicago. Daley College is known for the strength of its programs in science, math, and technology and for its transfer programs. The Department of Mathematics won national recognition last year for pioneering a new approach to teaching mathematics and the Department of Computer Information Systems doubled in the size of its full-time faculty.



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The Jazz Institute of Chicago for all of the hard work they done on the festival.

We are thrilled about the overall experience that lies ahead for our audience because the music is really only the beginning," added Johnson-Washington. The Chicago Jazz Festival is the oldest of the city's lakefront music celebrations and has become a Labor Day tradition.

The festival will attract an estimated 300,000 music lovers from all around the world, who will enjoy over 25 performances on three different stages over the course of four days.

In addition to the live performances, the festival will offer an arts and crafts fair, hands-on art activities for children, local food vendors, a wine garden and much more.

Herbie Hancock and Dianne Reeves to headline the 22nd annual Chicago Jazz Festival

The Mayor's Office Special Events in conjunction with Motorola will present the 22nd Annual Chicago Jazz Festival on Thursday, August 31 through Sunday, September 3 at Grant Park (Jackson at Columbus).

The festival will be in operation from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Chicago Jazz Festival 2000 will feature some of the industry's top artists including five-time Grammy and Academy Award winner

Herbie Hancock; three-time Grammy nominee Dianne Reeves with special guest Vibraphonist/Composer Stefon Harris; the Dave Holland Quintet; "Big Band Monk" featuring Phil Woods and Steve Lacy, formerly of

Theonious Monk's band, and many others.

"We are very excited about the caliber of talent performing at this year's festival," said Jennifer Johnson-Washington, Producer of the Chicago Jazz Festival for the Mayor's Office of Special Events. "We would also like



The Christopher Zorich Foundation 5K Run, Walk, Kids dash & Wheelchair race

The annual Christopher Zorich Foundation 5K Run, Walk, Kids Dash, and Wheelchair Race promises to be one of the summer's liveliest family events, with over 2,700 participants coming out Sunday, July 16 to enjoy face painting, music, food and balloon making. Former Chicago Bear Chris Zorich will start the 5K Run/Walk at the historic Dearborn Station, 47 W. Polk, in Chicago's South Loop at 9 a.m. Proceeds benefit The Christopher Zorich Foundation's programs, which will provide food, hope and education for area families.

"In just four years, this event has gained tremendous community support through increased race participation and volunteer efforts. We're looking forward to a great turnout in July," says Chris Zorich.

The event is comprised of a 5K run/walk and wheelchair race followed by a crowd favorite-- the kid's dash. Entry fees are \$15 before July 7, and \$20 on race day. The Kid's Dash entry fee is \$8 before July 7, and \$10 on race day. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers. For more information or to register, please call (773)

868-3010 or visit www.chicagoevents.com. Participants can pick up race applications at Fleet Feet Sports, located at 210 W. North Ave. (Pipers Alley), or any Chicago area Home Depot location.

Founded in 1993, The Christopher Zorich Foundation funds and administers a variety of charitable, civic and philanthropic endeavors. Programs and activities of TCZF share a common purpose: to help those in need. Since its inception, TCZF has assisted over 65,000 less fortunate children and adults. The Foundation's programs include Care to Share Family Food Program, Chris Zorich & Friends, Holiday From the Heart, Love Grows Here, and The Zora Zorich Scholarship at the University of Notre Dame.

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Sheriff address seniors in Palos

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan addresses a group of graduates from his Senior Citizen Law Enforcement Center Academy at the Lake Katherine Environmental Learning Center in Palos Heights recently. The "seniors" were honored after completing the eight-session program, designed to educate seniors on crime prevention methods and programs as well as give them an in-depth look at law enforcement throughout Cook County. 47 south suburban residents from Palos Heights, Palos Hills, Palos Park, and Crestwood attended classes, toured the county jail and are currently participating in "Ride-A-Longs" with the Palos Heights Police Department. To register for an Academy in your community or receive more information about hosting one, please call the Sheriff's Office at (773) 869-7725.



Worth Board answers discrepancy in street paving

By Jude Coyle

On June 19, Barbara Adamski, widow and mother of 3, addressed the Worth Village Board. She said that she felt hurt after reading that the Village would assume the cost of paving a continuation of Oketo.

In 1990, she sought to subdivide a piece of property she owned at 6700 W. 113th Place. She reported how she had worked with the engineers, with the Board and with the Planning Commission in an effort to meet the Village codes. She was told that before she could subdivide, she had to build a cul-d-sac, 120 feet in diameter, complete with curbs, gutters and sewers. It had cost her \$150,000. She had originally planned to sell six lots, but because of having to put in a cul-d-sac, she had only 5. She questioned why it was necessary for her to put in curbs and gutters when most of Worth's streets didn't have them at the time. She was told that Village code required it. Trustee Sharon Wierenga demanded an

explanation and asked what could be done to correct this now. Dan Kominga was Mayor, and Jim Bilder and Georgia Duffy served on the Planning Commission then. Trustee Duffy explained how she had conducted her own survey because she felt the action was excessive. She was able to convince the Board at the time to reduce the size of the cul-d-sac to 90 feet. Mayor Bilder read from the Illinois State Law, Item 605, Chapter 57601, which states that it is the responsibility of the contractor to assume the cost of laying new streets in a subdivision. After a street is laid and dedicated to a municipality to maintain it. According to Village statutes, a subdivision is a piece of property that is divided into two or more lots.

At the time her property was subdivided, Mayor Bilder explained, yes, he was on the Planning Commission, which is not a law making body, but an advisory board. Although he felt for her situation then, there is nothing he can do for her now. Attorney

Donna McDonald agreed. The property Mrs. Adamski read about was subdivided in 1926. Owner Larry Kozlowski explained that the road bed exists on Oketo and Columbus, but is badly deteriorated. Although no houses were built there, water, sewers, electricity and phone lines have been laid.

In the late '70's or early '80's, Mr. Kozlowski asked the Village for help. In spite of the police patrols, teens hung out back there, and people dumped garbage. The solution agreed on at the time was to install locked gates, one on Columbus, and the other on Oketo. Keys were kept by Mr. Kozlowski, the Police Fire Departments, and Public Works. The water main had been repaired there several times, and had been completely replaced once.

The gates are about to come down because Mr. Kozlowski has sold one of the lots. Mr. Ken Koester plans to build a home there. Mr. Koester will assume the position of Building Commissioner on July 1st.

At the end of a long discussion between the audience and the Board members, Mrs. Adamski conceded that she hadn't realized that the original road existed at all. She reminded the Board that they should stick to the same regulations she was forced to, saying that this road in the end should be 'golden' as her's is.

Trustee Wierenga had questioned the cost of repaving earlier in the discussion. She's heard several quotes, ranging from \$1,200 to \$3,000 and wanted to know what is correct. At the Regular Board Meeting later in the evening, Trustee Edward Guzdziel said that he did not believe that the road ever existed, and moved that the Board not approve the allotment of any funds towards paving this road for any reason. Trustee Wierenga seconded the motion. The roll was called and the Trustees divided their votes equally along the party lines. Mayor Bilder cast the final vote, defeating the motion.

Worth resident suffers through flooding nightmares

By Jude Coyle

Donna Foxworthy was astonished to hear that Worth's Village code does not permit residents to cause their neighbor's property to flood. To begin with, she lives on the lowest point of land on her block. She then described how ComEd had built a substation next store to her, and how her yard collects their run off. The neighbor on the other side is higher and the Foxworthys take that run off as well. Making the situation worse, the Illinois Department of Transportation ran a pipe leading from I-94, that empties into her backyard.

Mr. and Mrs. Foxworthy purchased their property six years ago. The real estate agent promised them then that what flooding problems existed earlier had been taken care of. Not so. Mrs. Foxworthy said that both her front and back yards are usually under water, and that she has dealt with her basement flooding many times. They have rented pumps, and had spent thousands of dollars waterproofing their foundation. They purchased dirt, hoping to build up their land, but instead, their property is sinking. She had called the Village and described her problems, but she hasn't heard

anything. She contacted ComEd, and was promised that they would help her after sinking a cable across her yard. Mrs. Foxworthy described how ComEd had a 4'x4' hole dug, and left it. Concerned about neighborhood children falling into it, she covered it with plywood. It took months for ComEd to fill in the hole. In the end, they neither laid the cable they spoke of, nor did they help end the flooding.

On hearing of her situation at the June 19 Village Board Meeting, Mayor Bilder instructed Building Commissioner Joe Johnson to contact both ComEd and I.D.O.T. He wants representatives from both entities to view the scene at the same time, and hopefully find the Foxworthys some relief. Apparently, Mayor Bilder said I.D.O.T. had installed oversized storm sewers from LaGrange to Cicero, along 111th Street, expect for that area west of Harlem where the Foxworthys live.

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Skate on Kedzie a reality

by Jude Coyle

The final phase in the completion of Firehouse Park at 90th and Kedzie is underway. At the July 3, Village Board Meeting, Jim Sexton, Village Clerk asked the Evergreen Park Village Board to award the bid for the construction of an ice rink to Innovative Concepts Enterprises of Harrisburg, Illinois. This is the same company that built Skate on State in Downtown Chicago. Village officials have decided to call this rink Skate on Kedzie. The total bid came to \$298,162.

The plans call for a concrete slab, cooling coils and steel piers. If grant money becomes available in the future, Village officials plan to add a roof and canvass sides. Hopefully by eliminating the sun from beating down on the ice surface, the skating season will be extended by another month or two. The ice rink in Orland is built in the same manner. Building should begin in

late summer, hopefully making the rink available for use this winter.

Like all components of Firehouse Park, the ice rink will have more than one use. During summer months, the cooling coils can be removed so that the rink can be used for roller hockey.

Plans began three years ago to utilize a vacant section of Evergreen Cemetery. The Fire Department had outgrown their facilities. The first phase began with the construction of the new firehouse. Since then, a walking path, pond, two girl's softball fields, two soccer fields and a concession stand have been built. Dedication of the fields took place this Spring. These projects were financed by grant money obtained last summer with the help of State Senator Patrick O'Malley and Representative James Brosnahan.

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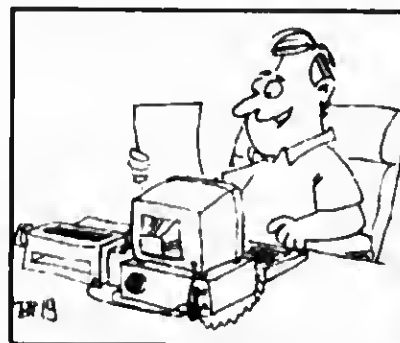
Statement of Kenneth Apfel on FY 2001 Funding Levels for Social Security Administration

In eight short years, the first of the 76 million Americans who make up the baby boom generation will reach retirement age and the Social Security Administration (SSA) must be prepared for their arrival. It is critically important that SSA have resources appropriated by Congress to meet this monumental challenge and at the same time, maintain superior service for today's customers.

Recently, the Senate Appropriations Committee ap-

proved a FY 2001 appropriation for the Social Security Administration that is \$123 million below the amount requested by the President. The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education has recommended a reduction of \$156 million below the President's request. These reductions are even greater when compared to my Commissioner's budget request.

Funding at levels recom-



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mended by Congress would seriously undermine stable staffing and performance for the agency. Funding at these levels would leave positions vacant at a time when SSA, an agency with an aging workforce, desperately needs to hire and train new employees in preparation for its own retirement wave.

Congress reduced SSA's funding below the President's and the Commissioner's budget requests for the current fiscal year. As a result, SSA's performance has already deteriorated and our customers have been adversely affected. The implications of the House and Senate actions will mean further service reductions and in some cases serious hardship. For the 26 million individuals who visit SSA offices every year, waiting times would increase significantly. About two million calls to SSA's 800 number would not get through. In addition, tens of thousands fewer claims for disability benefits would be processed. Finally, SSA will significantly reduce continued eligibility reviews that help ensure the integrity of the Supplemental Security Income program. Fewer income reviews could result in an increase in general fund outlays by as much as \$150 million.



A Wedding Proposal made in E.P. Parade

By: Kim Wolford

On Friday June 30, 2000 during the Village of Evergreen Park parade down 95th Street, firefighter Jerney Taylor (R-Crestwood) on Central Stickney Fire Protection District, proposed to his girlfriend, Molly Hamilton (R-Crestwood) of seven years. Molly, in shock, happily said "yes" with open arms. The wedding is planned for September of this year.

Jerney would like to Thank the Village of Evergreen Park and the Evergreen Park Fire Department for letting him support his love for Molly during the parade.

We wish them both lots of luck in the future.

Order sons of Italy honor Demma

In recognition of this unselfish achievement, the Order of Sons of Italy in America, State of Illinois announced in April that they have chosen Carl Demma to be the recipient of their first Humanitarian Award. State President of OSIA Giovanna Verdecchia stated that "My life richer having met Carl Demma. He will forever remain in our hearts and we will be forever thankful for his gift."

The fulfillment of Demma's lifelong dream became a reality with the arrival of "Our Lady of the New Millennium" statue in Chicago in April 1999. Rising in silver glory, "Our Lady of the New Millennium" stands 33 ft.



Queen of Peace Spring Athletic Awards

Congratulations to the Queen of Peace High School Spring Sports Award recipients. Pictured are: (sitting, left to right) Delilah DiCrescenzo, Kiley Stanek, Jennifer Bujanski, Bridget Newman, Karen Krull, (row 2) Melissa Mugica, Mary Stewart, Melissa Vandrey, (row 3) Nicole Steigerwald, Lisa Vazzana, Barb Keselica and Lauren Zuro.

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Getting Started

To open an account in your child's name, you only need to fill out a few forms and have his or her social security number handy. When seeking to achieve maximum savings for the smallest level of transferred securities, choose investments that have the potential to produce the highest taxable returns, consistent with your goals and risk tolerance.

Chances are you won't be able to hit the \$700 threshold immediately. One of the best ways to help ensure you

do is to invest a fixed dollar amount consistently in designated investments over a period of time. You might consider timing these investments around birthdays, holidays or report card distributions. This method is known as dollar cost averaging. Since markets fluctuate over time, dollar cost averaging can result in a lower average cost per share than you might pay if you brought a block of securities at a given time. However, it doesn't assure a profit of protection against a loss in declining markets, and you should consider your finan-

A Celebration of the Life of Kelly Marie Bracken

May 30, 1978 - July 8, 2000

By Annette Dixon

For many years, Village View Newspaper covered many stories, but the ones we enjoy are those stories given to us by Jim Bracken -- AED Optical in Oak Lawn.

We have focused on Kelly and Shannon Bracken for many years, each person with their own accomplishments. Also, we have featured stories on Jim Bracken's nephews. Two stories were on coverage focusing on the two different relatives performing honorable feat by saving the lives at the risk of their own.

The Bracken Family is a very special family dedicating their lives to one another and bringing love to all who meet them.

They feel they were blessed by having Kelly Marie Bracken, as Jim stated in his Eulogy, to know Kelly is to love her. Kelly exuded love to all who knew her. There wasn't anything that was too difficult for her. She struggled to make her goals and that was her accomplishments.

The tears shed, were as Jim stated, for her human body, but he knows that Kelly will always be with him, just as she will be with each of us.

God bless the Bracken Family, Jim, Barbara, and Shannon, with all that they can endure, without the love that Kelly so willingly gave them for 22 years of her life.



Worth Township Board appoints Marion C. Keane as Township Collector

Due to the recent death of Worth Township Collector, Emmett "Bud" Meyer, in accordance with State Statutes, Worth Township Supervisor John F. Murphy and the Board of Trustees declared the position of Collector vacant at the Township's regular meeting, Thursday, June 29, 2000. The Board then appointed Marion C. Keane of Oak Lawn to fill the vacancy. The Oath of Office was administered by Worth Township Clerk Thomas "Bud" Gavin. Marion's son, Michael Keane, held her bible during the Oath of Office, while the rest of her proud family looked on. Pictured left to right, Mark Sterk, Attorney, Odelson & Sterk; John F. Murphy, Supervisor; Thomas "Bud" Gavin, Clerk; Michael Keane, son of Marlon Keane; Marion Keane, Collector; Michael Mahoney, Trustee.



Oak Lawn Woman is named an Augustinian Affiliate at St. Rita High School

Standing from Left: Patrick Mahoney '54, Mike McArdle '54, Marge Bryne Hon., of Oak Lawn, William Doyle '41 and Jim Miller '47 display their Augustinian Affiliate Awards on June 4th in the St. Rita High School Chapel. The award is the highest honor given to a lay person in the Augustinian Order. Bryne who resides in Oak Lawn has over 23 years of dedicated service to St. Rita High School and the Augustinian Order. Back Row: Fr. Walter McNicholas, Fr. Ed Andrews, Fr. Michael O'Conner, Prior Provincial Mike Prevost, Fr. Flynn, Fr. Wes Benak and Fr. Thomas McCarthy were the celebrants of the Mass.

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cial ability and willingness to continue purchases through periods of low price levels.

For children below the age of 14 who have assets producing income exceeding \$1,400 per year, consider repositioning a portion of the assets into municipal bonds. These generate interest income which is generally free from Federal taxes and state taxes for residents of the issuing state. Municipal bonds also enable you to bypass reinvestment decisions during the life of the bond. Keep in mind, however, that capital gains, if any, are subject to taxes and the income for some investors may be subject to the Federal Alternative Minimum Tax.

Currently, many universities are less likely to offer financial aid solutions to a family where the minors have their own assets than to a family whose assets are all controlled by the parents. On the other hand, many are aware that their high costs are a liability and are demonstrating more flexibility in providing tuition discounts and other cost reduction measures to students with high academic potential, regardless of their ability to pay. It's possible that over time this sensitivity will continue to spur innovations in financial aid, perhaps even extending to those students with significant assets. In any case, with all else being equal, parents who capitalize on this tax advantage are likely to have

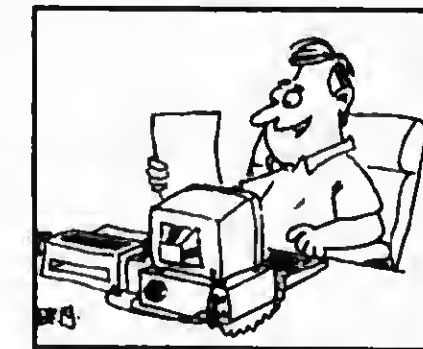
more educational options than those who don't.

Talk to your financial advisor or personal tax advisor about specific investments that may help you implement these and other tax-saving strategies. He or she can provide you with the information you'll need to help make prudent decisions, and can help you select the investments that are best suited to your investment style and goals.

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George O'Hare to address St. Catherine Seniors

George O'Hare, Senior Citizens' Advocate for Maria Pappas, Treasurer of Cook County, will speak before the St. Catherine of Alexandria Seniors, Thursday, July 20, at 1:00 PM in the Kane Hall of St. Catherine, 10621 S. Kedvale, Oak Lawn.

Marie Wiencek, coordinator, announced that George, a motivational speaker, will explain the Advocacy of the Treasurer's Office.

"Mr. Accentuate The Positive," George O'Hare, is in his second career. He served as Director of Senior Advocacy for the Illinois Attorney General's Office under Neil Hartigan, and later as the Chief of The Speakers Bureau for Attorney General Roland Burris, after 34 years of dedicated service at Sears Roebuck and Company in the Merchandising and Sales Division. He has his own T.V. program on Chicago Access Cable Channel 19. Mr. O'Hare is one of Chicago's most sought after speakers and truly enjoys what he is doing.

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Air Force Airman finishes basic training

Air Force Airman Kevin M. Daliege has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Daliege is the son of Michael J. Daliege of Chicago. Daliege is a 1995 graduate of St. Rita High School in Chicago.

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts to open first store in the city of Chicago

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, Inc. will open its first store in the City of Chicago at 4455 S. Pulaski on Tuesday, July 25. Krispy Kreme officials anticipate area residents will begin lining up outside the store at 5:30 am to see the lighting of the "Hot Doughnuts Now" sign, signaling that Krispy Kreme Original Glazed Doughnuts are hot and ready to be eaten.

Grand Opening festivities will feature "a taste of the South" and include a blue grass band, children's entertainment and complimentary lemonade. The celebration will kick off at 10 am with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Musicians, a face painter and balloonist will be on hand to entertain children until 2 pm. Krispy Kreme is known for its hot Original Glazed

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Doughnuts and offers varieties of filled and cake doughnuts. The Chicago area Krispy Kreme stores also offer several varieties of bagels and cream cheese. The Krispy Kreme experience would not be complete without a cup of Krispy Kreme's proprietary blend of coffee, made from 100 percent Arabica beans.

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30 Years Service

Casimir (Casey) Strzempa is presented with an engrossed resolution from the Illinois General Assembly by State Senator Louis S. Viverito. Strzempa was honored for his 30 years of service with the Central Stickney Sanitary district, the last 29 as president. Strzempa also received a letter of congratulations from Governor George Ryan.

Some luck lies in not getting what you thought you wanted but getting what you have, which once you have got it you may be smart enough to see is what you would have wanted had you known.

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Lexington Health Care residents and staff pose outside the doors of the Animal Welfare League at 10305 Southwest Highway, after being escorted by kindly Chicago Ridge Police Officers Thomas Herman (far left) and Ron Trnka across from their home across the way at 10305 Southwest Highway. The League's Scott Pfiel (bottom right) was ready to greet them to spend an afternoon playing with the animals up for adoption.

Bridgeview Public Library receives State Grants for technology upgrades

Bridgeview Public Library has been granted \$32,500 from the State of Illinois for technology upgrades of the Library computers to better serve the public with twenty four hour, seven days a week home access to the library's card catalog. The money consisted of three grants in the amounts of \$10,300, \$10,000, \$10,200. Special thanks should be given to the Representative Anne Zickus of the 48th District, Representative Eileen Lyons of the 47th District, and Senator Christine Radogno of the 24th District who without their support and sponsorship of the grants the upgrades would not have been possible.

Upgrades cover three servers, including; a primary domain controller which will cover the library's operational software; a backup domain controller which will be the application server and print/file sharing computer; a proxy server which will control incoming Internet queries in to the library's online card catalog. Expected completion of the upgrades is Fall 2000.

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A small tax break can lead to big college savings

Planning for future college financing today can be somewhat ironic. Financial aid programs offered by academic institutions are usually based on financial need-so if you make sacrifices to save now, you may not be eligible for aid later. No one would argue with planning ahead to finance your child's future education costs, but is there an additional way to receive money for these expenses? Of course there are many merit and athletic scholarships available to gifted students, but how many parents can be sure their children will qualify?

Fortunately, a small tax incentive can help accelerate savings for future collegiates. The Uniform Gifts to Minors Act (UGMA) and the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act (UTMA) allow parents to set aside cash and securities in their child's name which can generate income that may be taxed at a child's lower rate.

Specifically, the first \$700 (for 1998) of unearned income in a minor's account is exempt from tax. (This amount is indexed for inflation.) Assuming a parent establishes an account with \$10,000 soon after a child's

birth and the account generates a 7% annual rate of return, the account could generate over \$12,000 in tax-free income by the time the child is 18. (Income in excess of the exemption amount will be taxed). This hypothetical example is provided for informational purposes only. It is not intended to represent any specific investment. That income alone could go a long way, considering that according to the College Board (9/96), in just ten years the average annual cost of tuition, room and board will be about \$16,000 at a four-year public college. On the other hand, it will only go a short way toward financing those costs at top private universities, which is expected to average about \$41,000 per year in tuition and fees.

Luckily, students can get more help in bridging that financial gap from the second \$700 of unearned income from securities given to a child, which is taxed according to the minor's tax bracket

(this \$700 is effectively indexed to inflation as well). Depending on your financial objectives, you could structure the account so that your child's tax bracket is minimal, thus retaining as much of the second \$700 of the unearned income as possible.

If a minor is younger than 14 years of age at the end of the year, income over \$1,400 in 1998 is taxed at the parent's highest marginal rate and may be listed on either a separate tax return or the parent's return. Since certain deductions may be available only to the child, filing a separate return for this income may result in a unearned income exceeding \$700 is taxed at the minor's rate.

One caveat: Upon the child's 18th or 21st birthday, depending on your state's age of maturity, control of the assets in the UGMA/UTMA account automatically goes to your child, and he or she would determine whether the

funds are used to finance a college education. In other words, gifts made to the child, even when he/she is a baby, can't be revoked years later - even if he/she decides to spend his/her college funds on a new car instead of an education.

Fleet Home Town News

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Grzegorz M. Kucharski, son of Krystyna Kucharski and Waldemar W. Kucharski of Chicago, recently returned home from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan, home ported in Norfolk, Virginia.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael P. Murray, son of Debbie E. Cazda of Chicago, is halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, home ported in Norfolk, Virginia.

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Marist breaks ground on the Mortimer Fitness Center and Marist Bookstore

On Friday, July 7, 2000 Marist High School's President, Rick Carey, FMS, '76, Principal; Larry Tucker, '79, and chairmen of the Board of Directors, John Mortimer, '72, along with Henry Brothers Construction's George Ferrell, '67 and Bill Callaghan, '70, broke ground on the much anticipated 4700 square foot fitness center and walk in bookstore.

The new fitness center and bookstore is expected to be completed in the fall of this year. It will consist of a 3300 square foot fitness center and a 1400 square foot walk in bookstore. The new facility will be built near the existing bookstore in the adjacent courtyard.

John Mortimer (Lockport), formerly of the Beverly area, made a very generous donation to start the campaign for an updated facility. John did not participate in sports while he was at Marist High School but after touring the school he felt that the school's greatest need was in the fitness area. This new fitness center will meet the needs of the current and future students.

The current weight room is only 800 square feet and was in great need to be expanded and updated with new equipment. The new fitness center will feature equipment such as free weights, plate loading machines, and cardiovascular machines. This facility will be available and encouraged to be utilized by all students. Marist High School realizes the importance of educating not only the mind but also the body. Larry Tucker, principal of Marist High School, will incorporate physical fitness into the current health curriculum. This will help to improve the health and well

being of the students of Marist. In addition, our athletic teams will use the facility to improve their strength skills.

In addition to the fitness facility Marist will have its first walk in bookstore. This bookstore will be a great asset to the school. It will provide supplies and books for the students and have Marist clothing and novelty items for alumni, students and parents to purchase.



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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By Kathy Whirity

Mommy Tales

Once upon a summer's past when this young mommy had her hands full with a, not quite, three year old and her almost year old sister, the art of mommy tales -- those creative little white lies (otherwise known as life savers) used by young moms dealing with fussy, non-cooperating kids -- was discovered.

My mother-in-law had a mommy tale she'd use to fool the kids into helping her. It was the hurt leg trick and it played on their sympathy. Whenever the kids weren't cooperating, she'd limp along feigning pain in her leg, and usually the kids would hurry to pick up the toys, or get in the tub, whatever the case may have been. A productive white lie capable of achieving positive results.

I surprised myself one, long ago, sunny afternoon in July, when I too came up with my own mommy tale that proved effective.

The girls had splashed the morning away in the kiddie pool their dad had filled for them before he left for work. They were playing and having so much fun in the sun that, by mid-afternoon, this weary mom was more than ready for nap time. After the peanut butter and jelly sandwiches were eaten, I announced it was time to rest, which was met with the reluctant whine of, "we don't need to take a nap." For the sake of my sanity, I desperately needed one, so there we were - the three of us lying across my bed, mom wisely choosing the space in the middle. Just as we were drifting off into the solace of slumber, the music from the ice cream vendor's truck was being carried along on the breeze of that beautiful summer's day.

As the calming rhythm got closer, Jaime sat up and asked where the music was coming from since, thankfully, they weren't too familiar with the concept of sweet treats on wheels available right outside their door. As quick as you can say 'nitye nite,' I found myself weaving a tale about a kind, old man, who goes up and down each street at nap time to play music for all good children, helping them to fall asleep. It worked like a charm, but only for a short while. Unfortunately, my little deception was found out shortly thereafter when she realized that the music man also sold ice cream.

For some moms, these tales are well thought out, for other's they are thought of in the spur of the moment, but all will have a lasting impression on our children's recollection of younger days.

Along with other fabled characters, the music man will be remembered as my contribution to mommy tales, since the memory is recalled each time my teenage daughters hear the musical sounds coming from an ice cream truck, in far away distance of a quiet, summer's afternoon.



"Wizard of Oz" Movie in the Park

The Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a Movie in the Park, on Wednesday, July 26 (rain date August 9). The movie being shown will be "Wizard of Oz." Lawn seating will be available in Indian Woods Park, 100th Street and 82nd Ave. (bring a blanket or lawn chair and your picnic basket. No alcohol allowed). The movie will begin at dusk. There is no admission fee. This event is being sponsored by the First State Bank & Trust Company of Palos Hills. For information call (708) 430-4500.

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Purchase of the TTY was made possible with Fiscal Year 2000 Educate and Automate -- Assistive Technology grant funds provided by the Illinois State Library. For more information about this service, call Steven M. Zumbo, Head of the Reference Department at Chicago Ridge Public Library. The TTY line number is (708) 423-2510. The Library's voice line is still (708) 423-7753.



Hazardous waste takes on new leaf

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day sponsored by the Metropolitan Water and Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, the village of the Southwest Conference of Local Governments, Moraine Valley Community College and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, was held recently on the Moraine Valley College campus. Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany, Chairman of the 11th annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, stated that she would like to thank the hundreds of participants that played a part in making the day a huge success. Pictured, from left to right, M.W.R.D. Commissioner Patricia Young, E.P.A. Manager Dan Rion, M.W.R.D. Vice President Kathleen Therese Meany, Senator Patrick J. O'Malley (R-18, Palos Park) and M.W.R.D. Chief Engineer John C. Farnan.

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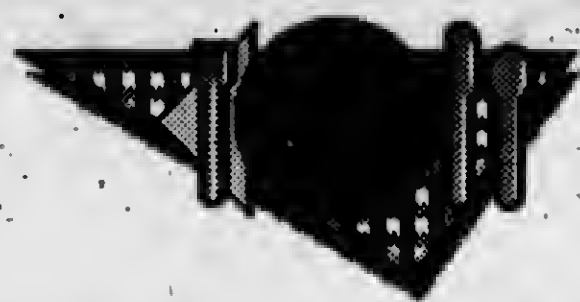
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3/4 teaspoon oregano
1/2 teaspoon basil
1 tablespoon Grey Poupon Dijon Mustard
2 teaspoons salt
Freshly ground pepper to taste
1 tablespoon drained capers
1 small zucchini squash, parboiled, thinly sliced
3/4 cup each cooked green beans and sliced carrots

1 cup thickly sliced raw mushrooms

1 pkg. (9 oz.) frozen artichoke hearts, cooked

In small bowl, combine oil, vinegar, oregano, basil, mustard, salt, pepper and capers. In shallow dish, arrange all vegetables. Pour dressing over. Cover. Refrigerate several hours or overnight. Drain. Serve on bed of lettuce. Serves 6-8.

Mammoth Cookies

2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup shortening
3/4 cup brown sugar
3/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs
1 package (12 oz.) chocolate chips
1/2 cup each coconut and seedless raisins
3/4 cup oatmeal
1/2 cup lemon juice

Sift flour, baking soda and salt. Cream shortening and sugars. Beat in vanilla and eggs. Mix in flour mixture. Stir in chips, coconut, raisins and oatmeal. Drop 1/4 cup dough for each cookie on ungreased cookie sheet. Spread dough evenly with spatula. Bake in preheated 375F oven 10 minutes or until brown. Makes 16.

Salad Nicoise

DRESSING:
3/4 cup olive oil
1/4 red wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon basil
1 medium clove garlic, crushed
1 tablespoon chopped parsley
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon capers
1/2 teaspoon minced fresh oregano or pinch dry

oregano

SALAD:

3 cups sliced cooked potatoes
2 tablespoons thinly sliced scallions leaf lettuce
1/2 lb. green beans, cooked, chilled
3 medium tomatoes, cut in wedges
12 ripe olives
3 hard cooked eggs, chilled, quartered
1 can (7 oz.) solid pack tuna, drained

Combine dressing ingredients. In medium bowl, combine potatoes, scallions and 1/4 cup dressing. Chill. Line serving platter with lettuce. Attractively arrange beans, tomatoes, olives, eggs, tuna and potatoes on platter. Just before serving, lightly drizzle with dressing. Serve with remaining dressing. Serves 6.

Green Grapes a La Creme

3/4 cup honey
3 tablespoons vodka
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 lb. seedless green grapes

In medium bowl, combine honey and lemon juice. Mix in grapes. Chill. Serve with sour cream. Serves 6.

Lobster Salad Pocket Sandwiches

1/3 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons Grey Poupon Dijon Mustard
Freshly ground pepper
2 cups (1 lb.) cooked lobster meat, coarsely chopped
2 hard cooked eggs, chopped
1 cup sliced celery
1/2 cup toasted sliced almonds
3 pita or pocket bread,

cut in half Lettuce

Combine mayonnaise, mustard and pepper. Mix in lobster, eggs, celery and almonds. Line bread with lettuce. Spoon in filling. Wrap. Refrigerate. Serve Chilled. Serves 6.

Rich Cluster Delights

1 pkg. (6 oz.) each butterscotch and chocolate morsels
1 can (3 oz.) chow mein noodles
1 cup unsalted dry roasted peanuts

Place morsels in top of double boiler. Melt, stirring, over hot water. Mix in noodles and peanuts. With spoon, drop small clusters on waxed paper lined cookie sheet. Chill. Makes about 3 dozen candies.

Blueberry Shortcake

SHORTCAKE:

2 cups biscuit mix
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 cup milk
1/4 cup sour cream
1 egg, beaten

In medium bowl, combine biscuit mix, sugar and cinnamon. Add milk, sour cream and egg. Mix just until blended. Pour in greased 9" round baking pan. Bake in 425F oven 15 minutes. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Place on rack. Cool completely. Split cake. Fill with Blueberry Filling. Replace top. Spoon filling over cake. Serve with Whipped Cream. Serves 8.

BLUEBERRY FILLING:

2 lbs. frozen (or 2 pints fresh) blueberries
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar

2 tablespoons cornstarch

2 tablespoons lemon juice

In medium saucepan, combine 1/2 blueberries, sugars, cornstarch and lemon juice. Bring to boil. Remove from heat. Mix in remaining blueberries. Fill and serve shortcake immediately.

WHIPPED CREAM:

1 cup heavy cream
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon sugar
In medium bowl, beat all ingredients until stiff. Serve on Blueberry shortcake.

Barbecued Ribs and Chicken With Smirnoff Barbecue Sauce

1 large clove garlic, crushed
1/2 cup finely minced onion
1 1/2 cups catsup
1/4 cup dark brown sugar
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
1/2 cup Vodka
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon Grey Poupon Dijon Mustard
3 lbs. chicken pieces
3 lbs. beef back ribs
Garlic salt and pepper

Method

In medium bowl, combine garlic, onion, catsup, brown sugar, vinegar, vodka, Worcestershire and mustard. Sprinkle both sides of chicken and ribs with garlic salt and pepper. Place on grill. Cook 1 hour or until tender. During last 20 minutes of cooking, baste generously with sauce, turning frequently. Serves 6-8.

Hopping John

1/4 cup finely diced salt pork

1 medium onion, chopped

1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen black eye peas

1/2 cup uncooked rice

1 can (13 3/4 oz.) chicken broth

1/2 cup water

In large skillet, fry salt pork until crisp. Mix in remaining ingredients. Simmer 45 minutes or until rice is tender. Serves 6.

QUICK CHICKEN

PARMESAN COOKING SPRAY

3/4 cup Kretschmer original toasted wheat germ
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1-1/4 teaspoons Italian seasoning blend
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon black pepper

2 egg whites
2 tablespoons water
4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (1 to 1-1/4 pounds)
6 tablespoons reduced-fat shredded mozzarella cheese
2 cups low-fat spaghetti sauce, heated

Cooked spaghetti

1. Heat oven to 375°. Spray large baking sheet with cooking spray.
2. In shallow dish, combine

wheat germ, Parmesan cheese, Italian seasoning, garlic, salt and pepper. In second shallow dish, beat egg whites and water with fork until frothy. Dip chicken into egg white mixture, then into wheat germ mixture. Dip and coat chicken again, coating thoroughly. Arrange on baking sheet. Spray lightly with cooking spray.

3. Bake 15 to 18 minutes or until juices from chicken are no longer pink. Sprinkle chicken with mozzarella cheese. Continue baking 2 to 3 minutes or until cheese is melted. Serve over spaghetti with sauce

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Beer Garden reviewed thirst

By: F.J. Soczek

For the handful of tavern owners who have successfully emerged from the political labyrinth of obtaining local zoning approval, it just like the beer commercials proclaim. Life is good.

And for the patrons of several area drinking establishments, the summer season has brought with it a refreshing new dimension to the usual crowded and noisy bar scene—if one so desires.

The term *Beer Garden*, as examined from a local perspective, clearly defies objective quantification. Clear a space in the parking lot. Pick up several dozen plastic chairs from Menards. Hustle some patio umbrellas from the liquor distributors. Throw in a planter or two of geraniums. *Voila—instant beer garden!* Substitute plastic bar ware for the ball park/picnic effect and the scenario becomes complete.

And for at least two businesses in this cursory survey, the polar opposite in decor is strikingly rendered.

Patsbys

Located on a particularly busy stretch of Southwest Highway in Chicago Ridge, Patsbys appears to be one of the more popular and successful outdoor drinking venues. During our week night visit, an often boisterous younger crowd occupied much of the walled, patio-like "outdoor"

section of the restaurant. On weekends, valet parking becomes the only viable option.

Apparently, dining in the beer garden is not exactly encouraged. Menus were not given and only one couple was observed enjoying the pizza for which the restaurant is more commonly noted.

Having dined at Patsbys many times, the hit-or-miss service was true to form during our most recent visit.

Our server was either very bored, or working on a commission. Every few minutes, we were asked if we would like our half-finished drinks re-filled.

The volume of music blasting from the powerfully amplified sound system, coupled with the ambient noise from the nearby highway made normal conversation virtually impossible. Glancing covetously at the pizza on the neighboring table, a member of our group requested a small serving of the signature, complimentary "donut holes" provided to diners inside the restaurant.

Our server grimaced at the request and begrudgingly said she would see if she could obtain the treats. Obviously she had never watched the movie *Strange Brew* and was unaware of the epicurean synergy of beer and donuts.

Upon her triumphant return with a small saucer of the powdered sugar dusted delights, she

announced "That will be \$2.50, please."

Consumed inside with a \$6 pizza, the donut holes would have been *gratis*. Outside, with a bar tab many times that amount, any vestige of traditional customer service immediately dissipated into the thin night air.

Gametime Sports Bar and Grill

This cavernous sports bar located at 127th & Ridgeland in Palos Hts. has an outdoor drinking/dining facility configured not unlike the style noted at *Patsbys*.

The fragile barrier provided little in the line of insulation from the traffic and noise emanating from the busy intersection. The perfunctory plastic planters of petunias represented the sole attempt at decorative aesthetics. Martha Stewart would no doubt proclaim this was not a very good thing.

Our clearly inexperienced young server struggled to do her best with our drink requests. Unfortunately, liquors such as *Harvey's Bristol Cream* and *Guinness* were no where to be found at the bar. Expecting a vapid plastic tumbler of *Carlo Rossi*, my request for a "red" wine was met with an exquisite, hearty Merlot served in sparkling glass stemware.

A rock of rich, indulgent French onion soup brimming with gooey, slightly toasted cheese perfectly complemented the fine Merlot.



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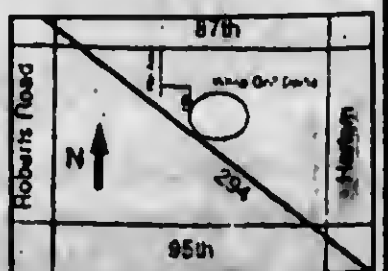
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B.J. McMahon's

The elegant presence of this intimate enclave would never have come to fruition were it not for the tenacity of business owner Roger Benson.

Grilled mercilessly by the Oak Lawn Village Board in a mini-inquisition, groups of neighbors portrayed a scenario of rowdiness and shameless dissipation befalling their quiet neighborhood.

Fortunately for all concerned, their fears were unwarranted.

Richly decorated with warm woods and earth-toned masonry, this cozy "beer garden" truly embodies the literal definition of the term.

Trickling water from the fountain can even be heard, thanks to the absence of requisite loud speakers.

It is obvious a great deal of care was expended on this hidden "getaway" from 95th St. Departing from the traditional, bartender's ritual of crashing a glass bottle into the trash, the manager on duty gently (and silently) placed the glass into the nearby receptacle. A genuine class act.

The wait staff was friendly and attentive. The light kitchen fare of sandwiches and snacks is reasonably priced.

If you are looking for a peaceful escape from the typical smokey, noisy bar scene, a visit to the outdoor section of *B.J. McMahon's*, 5432 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn would be a logical choice.

*deJabrew
Bar & Grill*

This pleasant eatery located right in the middle of ground-zero in the infamous Oak Lawn TIF district runs a close second to *B.J. McMahon's* in terms of classy style and ambience.

Located in the rear of the building, live tropical plants and hanging iron baskets of annuals grace the masonry walled courtyard.

The scene takes on a dramatic effect after dark, as spotlights and flickering candles illuminate the dark-green and wood-grained tables and genuine cobblestone flooring.

Music is subdued and the televisions are located inside behind glass doors.

Soups, salads, sandwiches, as well as drinks are reasonably priced. Located at 5219 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn.

The Goal Post

The proprietors of the *Goal Post* requested permission to create a beer garden in the rear of the establishment, but were soundly turned down by the Village of Oak Lawn. Instead, they remodeled the facade of the building to resemble an Irish cottage and received an award from the Village for their beautification efforts.

Several green painted picnic-style tables are situated behind a decorative iron railing and gate facing scenic 95th Street.

Somehow, it's just not working. Order a pint to Guinness and savor the acrid aroma of automobile and diesel fumes. Witness first hand the "30 mile per hour" speed limit through the "heart" of Oak Lawn, and wonder out loud where Chief Houk's boys are hiding.

On second thought, take your Guinness back *inside* and join the many Irish patrons having a rousing good time in spite of their troubles.

A diverse menu of specialty items such as "Mom's Original Irish Stew," "Traditional Irish Chicken Curry" and a dozen potato variations are available from the kitchen, which is open from 9am to 10pm 7 days a week. Located at 5259 W. 95th St. Oak Lawn.

Five Guys Named Moe

Village of Oak Lawn Presents: 5 Guys Named Moe concert! Sunday, July 23rd 2000 on the Village Green at 7:00 p.m.

Join in on the great music and rock and roll with 5 Guys Named Moe!

League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland hold ice cream social

The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland will hold an old-fashioned ice cream Social on Sunday, July 30th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the outside gazebo in Palos Heights. The gazebo is located at 76th Avenue and College Drive.

Candidates for the 18th and 19th Senate Districts and the 35th, 36th, 37th and

38th House of Representative Districts in Illinois have been invited to join area residents in this informal social event. Ice cream will be furnished by the League at no charge and this event is open to the public.

For more information, please call Carol Schaal at 708-636-1165.

The first annuals Fall on the Green 5K Run/Walk for Hope Hospital. Sunday September 10, 2000. Be there at 6:00 a.m. for the run check-in. At 8:00 a.m. the run begins. At 7:30 a.m. is the walk check-in and 8:30 a.m. the walk begins.

Located at the Oak Lawn Village Hall, 9446 S. Raymond Ave. Call for more information or registration at 708-636-4400. Pre-Registration is encouraged.



Evergreen Park's favorite Bleekers Bowl celebrated the opening of their Lanai (Beer Garden) in May. Owners Tim and Mark Sterk announced the hours of 10:00 am until 1 am, Monday through Saturday, and on Sunday at noon. The location is 3447 W. 95th Street. Enjoy the decorative fresh flowers set into the brick walled divider and mingle with the enthusiastic crowd, who enjoy some brew without the smoke! Monday through Thursday Draft Special 75 cents and Frozen Drink \$3 each. Bartender Jim Nowicki (Our Cubs Fan) enjoys his job, so say hello inside the bar to order your drinks.



The Homestead, Evergreen Park for Ribs serves food and liquor in their Lanai (Beer Garden) on Tuesday through Sunday at 11:00 am until 11:00 pm. Enjoy secluded evening meals in candlelight with great company, free from flying insects. Elegance surrounds this Lanai. Check this one out except on Mondays. They are located at 3020 W. 95th Street in Evergreen Park. You may phone ahead to make reservations for outdoor dining by calling 424-4400.

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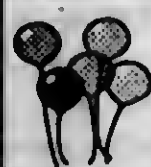
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Brosnahan Finishes Up His 4th Annual Town Hall Meeting

State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) speaks to residents from Evergreen Park at his 4th Annual Town Hall Meeting on June 8th at the Evergreen Park Village Hall. Since being elected in 1996, Brosnahan hosts 3 yearly meetings for the residents of his legislative district. Brosnahan explained that the participation and input he receives at these meetings help him better represent his district in Springfield.

Oak Lawn Nursing Home fined after an employee abuses resident

The Illinois Department of Public Health has fined Oak Lawn Pavilion \$10,000 for failure to prevent abuse of a resident by a staff member. The 143 bed skilled and intermediate care facility is located at 9525 S. Mayfield in Oak Lawn.

Responding to a complaint, Department surveyors learned the facility did not, as required by its policy, take intermediate action to remove an employee from resident care after allegations were made by other staffers that she had abused residents.

A staff member observed the employee grab and berate an 81 year old resident while trying to move her from the bed to a wheelchair. After informing the employee she was "too rough" with the resident, the staff member left to report the abuse. Less than 30 minutes later, the staff member returned to find the resident slouched in a wheelchair with blood coming from her nose and mouth. The resident was taken to the hospital for treatment of a fractured nose. The employee suspected of the abuse was not sent home until three

hours after the incident occurred. Surveyors learned the employee had a history of being physically and verbally abusive with other residents. She had been seen placing her hands over residents' mouths and shoving them into their rooms. Staff reported the abuse, but the facility administration failed to investigate the allegations.

Oak Lawn Pavilion has requested a hearing on the Department's action. A hearing date has not been scheduled.

Joan Berngen of Century 21-Pro Team named as Director of Training and Development

Joan Berngen, an experienced real estate veteran with the Oak Lawn office of Century 21 Pro Team, has been elevated to Director of Training and Development for all three Pro Team locations including Oak Lawn, Lockport/Homer and Tinley/Oakland. Joan has over 15 years experience in the industry and has been with the Century 21 system for 12

Evergreen Park Public Library Events

Library Shop & Share Fundraiser

Evergreen Park Public Library will hold a Shop and Share fundraising program on Monday, July 24 through Wednesday, July 26 at all Jewel-Osco Stores. By shopping at Jewel-Osco on one of those days, 5 percent of the total purchases, excluding tax, will be donated by Jewel-Osco to the organization.

Evergreen Park Public Library will use the money generated by their Shop and Share to fund children's and family library programs. Anyone interested in helping the library by shopping at Jewel-Osco on those dates please pick up a Shop and Share Identification Slip at the library, or call (708) 422-8522 for more information.

Moraine Valley can provide tools to inspect property

Your home is likely to be the most important investment. Moraine Valley has a class that can give you the criteria to judge the physical condition of the property you plan to buy or sell. Learn from professionals how to perform a thorough inspection before you buy or sell.

Home inspection is offered Wednesday for two weeks, 7-10 p.m., beginning August 2. The fee is \$40.

Information on all classes, times and dates is available in the Moraine Valley summer or fall schedule of courses. For more information on registration, phone (708) 974-2110.

years.

"Joan is a certified facilitator for the Century 21 Real Estate Corporation and specializes in training agents at the highest level of quality service. Because she knows the neighborhoods she serves, she is a leader in service to these communities with true real estate expertise," said Managing Broker Chuck Dinolfo. "Joan's professionalism and dedication has made her a valued and trusted choice for this position, and a major contributor to the overall success of Century 21 Pro Team since its inception."

Books, Bakery, & Bargains

Indulge in your passion for books at the outdoor book, bakery, and rummage sale at the Evergreen Public Library, 9400 S. Troy, on Saturday, July 22, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Browse for bargains in used furniture, computer equipment, artwork and more. Enjoy delicious baked goods while listening to lively music supplied by local bands. Make a day of it! For more information, please contact the library at (708) 422-8522.

Rummage Sale

The Stickney Township Council on Aging is accepting donations of knickknacks, jewelry, tools, small appliances, toys, clothing, etc. (clean and in good condition, please) for the Senior Rummage Sale. Please bring your items to 4949 S. Long Ave. between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

The Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, August 25 and Saturday, August 26, 2000 between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM at the Central Stickney Medical Clinic, 4949 S. Long Ave.

Little Company Golf Outing to Benefit Cancer Center

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers invites the community to their Foundation's first golf outing on Wednesday, September 20, 2000. Proceeds from the outing will benefit the Little Company of Mary Hospital's Cancer Center, now under construction at 2800 W. 95th Street in Evergreen Park.

The fun will take place at the Green Garden Country Club in Frankfort, Illinois, with a noon "shotgun" start, followed by dinner and cocktails at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$150 per person. For details, or to make a reservation, please call the Little Company of Mary Foundation at (708) 229-5066.



Dr. James Hogg announces new associate

Pictured left to right: Dr. James J. Hogg, D.D.S. and Dr. Richard J. Cooper, D.D.S.

Dr. James Hogg announces new associate

Dr. James J. Hogg, D.D.S. has announced that Dr. Richard J. Cooper is his new Associate at the 102nd and Central Oak Lawn office.

Dr. Cooper is a graduate of University of Illinois - Champaign and University of Illinois College of Dentistry. He did his General Practice Residency at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, and was in private practice in the Brighton Park and Chicago Lawn area before joining Dr. Hogg.

Accreditation is granted to St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island

St. Francis Hospital and Health Center has been granted accreditation by the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), according to Jay Kreuzer, President.

Accreditation follows an intensive on-site assessment by specially trained representatives of the Association and establishes that the level of medical, technical and administrative performance within the facility meets or exceeds the standards set by the AABB. By successfully meeting those requirements, St. Francis Hospital joins more than 2,000 similar facilities across the United States and abroad that have earned AABB accreditation.

"The AABB's accreditation procedures are voluntary," Kreuzer explained. "St. Francis has sought AABB accreditation because this program assists facilities around the country in achieving excellence by promoting a level of professional and medical expertise that contributes to quality performance."

Since 1958, the AABB has been engaged in the accreditation of blood banks

and transfusion services in determining whether methods, procedures, personnel knowledge, equipment, and the physical plant meet established requirements. The minimum requirements for accreditation of blood banks and transfusion services are based primarily on the AABB's *Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services*. These standards not only set the level of professional proficiency for blood banks and transfusion services in the United States, but also provide basis of practice for similar facilities around the world.

Established in 1947, the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB) is the professional society for approximately 2,200 community, regional and Red Cross blood centers; hospital-based blood banks and transfusion services; and over 8,800 individuals engaged in blood banking and transfusion medicine. Its member facilities are responsible for collecting virtually all of the nation's blood supply and for transfusing more than 80 percent of the blood used for patient care in the United States.

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Marquette National Bank awards \$66,000 in scholarships to local high schools

Marquette National Bank was proud to continue its scholarship tradition of 33 years, when it was awarded \$2,000 scholarships in June to 33 local graduating high school students going on to college this fall. Marquette held its annual awards ceremony for Year 2000 scholarship recipients, where students received a plaque and a check for \$2,000 to the college of their choice. Family and friends were also invited to attend the ceremony.

George S. Moncada, President and Mike Mangin, Executive Vice President of the Retail Credit Department presented the awards. Before Mr. Moncada gave the award, he shared information about each outstanding student and the comments from the counselor who selected the student. The criteria used to select the recipient included: financial need, academic excellence and participation in extra curricular and community activities or projects throughout the school year.

This year's recipients are:
 Arianna E. Cisneros - Argo Community H.S.
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 Vicky Gonzalez - Queen of Peace H.S.
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 Michael Darragh - St. Laurence H.S.
 Matthew Kurnat - St. Rita H.S.

At the close of the event, all attendees and their guests convened to an area set with cake, cookies, and refreshments. Since 1967, Marquette has contributed \$818,000 toward the education of 780 students through this scholarship program.

Marquette National Corporation is a 41 billion holding company for Marquette National Bank, which serves the financial needs of the southern Chicagoland communities. Its offices are located in Chicago, Bridgeview, Evergreen Park, Summit, Oak Lawn, Orland Park, and Manhattan, Illinois.



Teachers invited to free natural resource training workshops

Illinois school teachers are invited to apply for this summer's inaugural Illinois ENTICE (Environment and Nature Training Institute for Conservation Education) teacher training workshops, free three-day seminars intended to en-

hance long-term, science-based natural resource education in Illinois classrooms.

ENTICE training sessions will be offered at Wildlife Prairie Park in Peoria County on July 23-25 and July 26-28.

"Thanks to the support of Governor Ryan and member of the General Assembly, the Illinois ENTICE conservation education initiative is a reality," said Department of Natural Resources Director Brent Manning. "We are excited to have the opportunity to assist Illinois school teachers by offering the training and tools they can use to bring to life natural resource education for their students."



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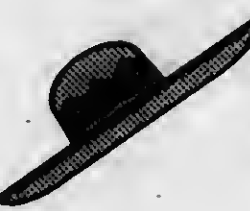
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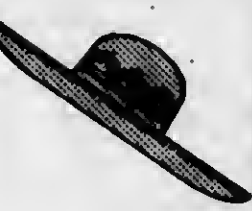




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Drury Lane Oakbrook's Arsenic and Old Lace show

Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre is set to host the zaniest and most hilarious collection of characters when **Arsenic and Old Lace** becomes the third show of the 2000-2001 season. Scheduled to begin previews on July 26, the comedy will continue until October 1, 2000. Drury Lane Oakbrook's Artistic Director, Ray Frewen, who just completed a successful run of "1776" as John Dickinson, will direct.

Originally written in 1938 by Joseph Kesselring, **Arsenic and Old Lace**, was not produced until 1941 by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse. It was an immediate success, taking New York by storm and running for three and a half years. Over its long history, it has been widely produced in foreign countries, regional theatres and even a most successful television starring Helen Hayes, Billy Burke, Boris Karloff, Peter Lorre, and Orson Bean.

Abby and Martha Brewster are two of the nicest, loveable old ladies anybody could hope to meet; except one thing...their cellar is filled with corpses.

Their bad habit of poisoning the elderly gentlemen who come to their rooming house is accidentally discovered by their nephew Mortimer. Helping the audience roar with laughter are Teddy Brewster who believes he is Teddy Roosevelt digging the Panama Canal in the brownstone's basement (very convenient for burying bodies), and Jonathan Brewster (a look a-like for Boris Karloff), the absurdly sinister and ominous murderer.

Drury Lane Oakbrook is bringing together Chicago favorites Renee Matthews and Ann Whitney to play the two murdering old ladies. Jonathan Brewster, their equally murdering nephew will be played by Dev Kennedy. Teddy Brewster, (aka Teddy Roosevelt) comes to life thanks to Ron Keaton, and the one sane Brewster, Mortimer, will be portrayed by Joe Van Slyke, David Lively and Derek Hasenstab.

Creating the batty brownstone will be veteran set designer, Kurt Sharp. The period costumes will be executed by George Slawko, the macabre lighting will be

designed by Drury Lane newcomer Joel Moritz, and Jim Lichon will handle property design.

Arsenic and Old Lace will preview at Drury Lane Oakbrook from Wednesday, July 26 at 8:00 p.m. until Sunday, July 30 at 2:30 p.m. Press opening will be July 30 at 7:00 p.m. Performance times for preview week and thereafter will be Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.; Thursday at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.; Fri-

day at 8:30 p.m.; Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.; Sunday at 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$19 to \$25 with dinner/show packages available. Tickets may be purchased at the Drury Lane Oakbrook box office, located at 100 Drury Lane, or may be charged by phone by calling (630) 530-0111. Ticket Master outlets also carry tickets as well as Ticket Master phone charge at (312) 902-1500.



Winners in Oak Lawn Park District's Passport to Parks Program announced

Michael Montgomery, 45, of Oak Lawn knew exercise was good for him. He didn't know how good until Wednesday, July 5, when his entry was drawn as the grand prize winner in the Oak Lawn Park District's inaugural Passport to Parks program. The grand prize in this program was two round trip tickets from Dallas-based Southwest Airlines, plus a \$300 travel certificate from Oak Lawn's World Travel Mart.

"I was walking my bike through the Oak Lawn Farmer's Market on June 28," says Montgomery, "when I was given a Passport to Parks by a park district employee and was told I had a chance to win two airline tickets if I completed the passport and turned it in by Friday."

Montgomery accepted the passport from Pat Stasik, the park district's graphic artist, and decided to get his exercise that Friday, June 30, by riding his bicycle from his home to the six park district facilities mentioned in the passport: Central Pool (9400 S. Kenton Ave.), Oak Lawn Ice Arena (9320 S. Kenton Ave.), Oakview Center (4625 W. 110 St.), Racquet and Fitness Club (10444 S. Central), Stony Creek Golf Course (5850 W. 103 St.), and Community Pavilion (9401 S. Oak Park Ave.).

"It was a long ride, but my exercise really paid off that day," says Montgomery, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, who is also a stay at home dad working on his doctorate from the Chicago Theological Seminary in Hyde Park.

Montgomery's entry was chosen in a raffle from among the 55 completed passports by sponsor, Jim Buschbach, owner of Oak Lawn's Buschbach Insurance and World Travel Mart, on July 5. Montgomery says he is uncertain what destination he and his wife, Pilgrim Faith Church Minister Peggy McClanahan, will choose to fly to with the free travel package, but "San Diego in February might be nice."

Four other winners were chosen during the raffle to receive additional prizes. They are: Carol Sullivan of Oak Lawn (Community Pavilion fitness membership); John McGuire of Oak Lawn (Racquet & Fitness Club membership); Ashley Marth of Chicago (two 18 hole golf passes for Stony Creek Golf Course); and Laura Thomas of Oak Lawn (four open skate passes, plus skate rentals, to the Oak Lawn Ice Arena).

The free Passport to Parks program was designed to celebrate Illinois Parks and Recreation Month.



Governor signs legislation and orders inspection teams to monitor prices

Governor George H. Ryan today signed legislation to suspend Illinois' 5 percent sales tax on gasoline and also issued an executive order creating state "monitoring teams" to check gas prices across the state to make sure that cost reductions are passed on to consumers.

"We called our legislators to Springfield to provide some relief to Illinois taxpayers and to do everything we could to reduce the undeserved burden we have endured because of exorbitant gas prices," Governor Ryan said. "Thanks to the quick action of the General Assembly during today's special session, I believe Illinois consumers will start to see some relief at the pump starting on Saturday," he added.

Ryan signed Senate Bill 1310, which suspends the five percent state sales tax on motor fuel and gasoline for a period of six months. According to the law, retailers now are required to post a notice on each pump stating the price on the pumps should reflect the tax reduction. While legislators are

asking oil companies to work toward informing consumers and retailers about the new law, the law also places a \$500 penalty on those stations that do not display a notice. The Governor's executive order: 1) Directs the Department of Revenue to notify gas station owners immediately of the tax relief law. 2) Creates a Gas Price Monitoring Team that will inspect and utilize gas stations in the ordinary course of business.

Ryan said the agencies involved in the monitoring teams include Illinois State Police, Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, State Fire Marshal, Department of Agriculture, Department of Revenue and Illinois Lottery. Monitoring of stations will begin the day the tax relief takes effect. Team members will report violators to the appropriate persecutory authorities for investigation.

Illinois had its last gas tax increase in 1989, which set a five percent tax on gasoline. The state's sales tax on gaso-

line is 6.25 percent of the pump price. The state's share is 5 percent and the remaining 1.25 percent is distributed back to local governments.

Ryan has said the high gasoline prices being paid by consumers in Illinois are the result of new gasoline production rules ordered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in an effort to reduce smog. The Governor told the U.S. House Judiciary Committee that he supports a federal investigation of pricing practices by oil companies that have led to consumers in Chicago paying the nation's highest retail gasoline prices.

Ryan testified at a Judiciary Committee hearing on a proposed Federal Trade Commission investigation into alleged price collusion by the oil companies. He also told the committee that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency should shoulder a portion of the blame for high gas prices because the agency has refused to suspend new gasoline production rules that have caused a sharp increase in pump prices.

Taste of Midway - Fun for all

St. Camillus Parish presents its annual "Taste of Midway" beginning Wednesday, August 2nd through Sunday, August 6th on the parish grounds at 55th Street and Lorel Avenue (across from Midway Airport).

This year, courtesy of the Department of Aviation and Standard Parking, free parking will be available in the Midway Airport economy lot on 55th Street for all "Taste of Midway" patrons. To qualify for free parking, tickets must be validated at the Parish Raffle Booth.

Featured during the Fest will be some of Chicago's finest restaurants, a giant beer garden, and carnival rides for both young and old. Also featured will be jar games, pull

tabs, daily Bingo, a Casino, and many, many more surprises.

Live entertainment will be featured in the Beer Garden. On Wednesday - Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones, Thursday - The Orient, Friday - Rick "Elvis" Saucedo, Saturday - The Next Step with Gennie O at 1pm, a performance by the Students of Darla's School of Dance at 6 pm followed by The Flap Jacks at 7:30 pm, Sunday - Stas Bulanda's Dyno Chicago at 1pm followed by The Mirrors at 6 pm. The Chet & Dolores Schafer Polka Show will broadcast from the parish grounds on Sunday afternoon at 1pm over WCEV-1450 AM.

The Parish Super Raffle,

with a 1st prize of \$10,000, 2nd prize of \$5,000, 3rd prize of \$2,000, 4th thru 7th prizes of \$500, and 8th thru 11th prizes of \$250 will be held on Sunday night. Tickets are \$20.00 each.

An "Unlimited Ride" Special for \$12.00 is available on Thursday, August 3rd from 6pm to closing, and on Saturday & Sunday, August 5th & 6th from 1pm-5pm.

Sponsors for this year's "Taste of Midway" are Budweiser, Carmen's Bicycle Shop, Fantasy Amusement Co., and Southwest Airlines.

Admission is free. Must be 21 years of age to enter the Beer Garden. For more information please call the Parish Office at 773-767-81-83.

Scholar claims the President often has little effect on economy

Presidents' and presidential candidates' claims to the contrary, U.S. presidents have very little impact on the economic progress of the country they lead. Indeed, although U.S. presidents often are credited for economic progress and blamed for economic failures, the fact is that in this realm, "to a large extent, they are bystanders."

So says veteran economic observer David F. Linowes, the former chairman of four presidential commissions and the Boeschstein Professor Emeritus of Political Economy and Public Policy at the University of Illinois. His views appear in his new book, "Living Through Fifty Years of Economic Progress With Ten Presidents: The Most Productive Generation in History, 1946-1996."

After tracing the business breakthroughs of the last 50 years, Linowes concludes that the real heroes of U.S. economic progress are business organizations and their executives. Over the past five decades, he argues, the private sector has been "the driving economic force." The "triumph of capitalism has made the business corporation one of the most

important institutions in our society." In addition to profiling the five Democratic and five Republican presidents who held office during this period of unparalleled productivity, Linowes examined the industries he believes played a major role in growing economy: Post World War II - television, conglomerates, computers, tourism; Space Race - steel, space, housing and advertising; Watergate Era - oil, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology/genetic engineering, telephones, transportation and automobiles; and USSR Disintegration - entertainment, higher education and information technology.

Despite the doubts of many, business did well under Clinton, Linowes wrote. Many companies fared far better than at any period since 1970. Like much of the electorate, corporate America seemed willing to overlook the personal frailties of the president and focus on economic issues as the nation moved toward the new century.

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Library Foundation Hold Donors Drawing

The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation recently held their Donors Drawing for the fourth annual "Stay Home and Read a Book Ball." Pictured Left to Right: Joann Buschbach, Foundation board member, displays this year's prize, a canvas bag, with William K. Hawkinson, president of Hawkinson Ford Company in Oak Lawn, and honorary chair of this year's campaign. The Foundation received a total of \$4,557 in funds from 93 private citizens and businesses who donated to this unique non-event fundraiser. The Oak Lawn Community Library Foundation was founded in 1993 to seek private sector support for the future needs of the Oak Lawn Library. For additional information, call (708) 422-4990.

Military News

Marine Corps Pfc. Thomas Creamer, son of Susan T. and George F. Creamer of Chicago, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Creamer is a 1996 graduate of Thallabaun Academy.

Marine Corps Pvt. Mike A. Cantore, son of Marilyn J. and Anthony F. Cantore of Evergreen Park, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Chicago Mayor's office launches website to Chicago's job market

The Mayor's Office of Workforce Development (MOWD) has launched a new web site dedicated to providing the most comprehensive information about Chicago's workforce environment.

The Chicago Workforce Information Center, at www.usworks.com/chicago, is designed to serve as a resource tool and road map for employers, job seekers, workforce professionals, students and educators by providing them with workforce trends, growth and facts. It represents the "real world" practices and policies of the city's employers, and offers unprecedented insights into Chicago job market.

A user friendly home page lets visitors uncover trends and customize information, or go directly to some of the major categories such as "Skills," "Employment Growth," "Business Information," "Local Analysis" and more.

This site is organized around more than 44,000 job-related keywords and features a full range of occupational profiles sorted by industry, wage level, industry supply and demand, employment strength and weakness and industry training need. All information on the site can be viewed citywide or by one of the city's six regions, which

allows users to view information specific to a region of interest. They can also make comparisons between regions.

Information posted on the Chicago Workforce Information Center site was generated by the citywide employer survey. Employers were questioned on everything from education levels required, to average wages, top benefits packages and growth potential. The survey was conducted by an outside firm, ERISS.COM, which specializes in putting workforce intelligence online.

MOWD provides an array of resources and services that keeps Chicago working. Through a network of community based organizations, contractors, professional partnerships and government initiatives, MOWD delivers workforce services to Chicago residents and businesses. MOWD assists adults facing economic difficulties, helps youth with career starts and makes job transitions easier for displaced workers. With carefully constructed programs and proven workforce successes, MOWD is investing in people to deliver the qualified labor force Chicago needs for the present and future.

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Gator's Golf Guide

By Bob Gates

This column is solely for the benefit of the new or beginner golfer. However, if you veteran golfers should find some tidbit of information which is helpful to you, that's fine, too. There are those of you reading this article who are just starting to play golf or are seriously considering the idea.

There are a variety of reasons why a non golfer entertains the thought of taking up golf. Some are family related, some business related, and some related to just doing something new. Regardless of the reason, there has been a steady rise in the number of new golfers during the past several years.

It's worth mentioning there are concerns that sometimes keep prospective golfers from actually taking up the game. Newcomers often have the tendency to be overly self conscious, believing they will never learn the game or be any good at it. They have the fear they are going to embarrass themselves, feeling that everyone is watching them and sees every little mistake they make. The truth of the matter is other golfers aren't really interested in what you're doing unless it somehow negatively affects them. Everyone now playing golf had to start

sometime, and when they did, very few of them were naturals. They experienced the same anxiety starting out that you are now feeling. Keep in mind that golf is a game, and a game is played for fun and enjoyment. Allow yourself the opportunity to have fun as you evaluate its worth to you.

As you get started in this new activity, let me make some suggestions that might be helpful.

1) Hold off on buying your own clubs. You are currently faced with the uncertainty of not knowing whether you will have a liking for the game. It would be premature to buy clubs until you have made a decision as to whether you will continue playing. The more feasible choice would be to use borrowed clubs during this decision making period. This would also avoid the inconvenience of possibly having to sell your clubs should you find that after trying the game you no longer have an interest in wanting to continue.

2) In the beginning make it a point to take several golf lessons from a qualified instructor. I say this not because I am an instructor, but rather because I am a golfer. This will introduce you to the basic fundamentals and give you a foundation on which

to build. The benefits you will receive from these lessons will far outweigh their cost. Many times new golfers do not heed this advice. They try to learn through self teaching and by reading instructional books, or by following various suggestions offered to them by their friends. This often leads to their becoming confused or frustrated as to what they are trying to accomplish. Take the guess work out of what you are trying to learn by learning correctly right from the start through the help of a professional instructor.

3) Once you feel reasonably comfortable with what you are doing in your practice and feel you would like to progress to the golf course, take time to first become familiar with the rules and etiquette of golf. Let me add, this is good advice for the veteran golfer as well as the new comer. The tensions that are sometimes created on the course between golfers could be avoided if everyone concerned would have a better knowledge of the rules and use of etiquette. Finally, if you have recently taken up golf - *Welcome to the game!* If you are considering the game, take the plunge. Golf certainly is not for everyone, but at least give yourself the

opportunity to find out. It is a game that is being played and enjoyed by people of all ages.

I have a new teaching aid now available. It is a booklet entitled *Your Personal Guide To a Good Set Up*. If interested in the booklet or private golf lessons, Bob Gates can be contacted at (708) 425-8637 or (708) 857-2214.

Midway Garden Society plans Wisconsin Trips

Midway Garden Society of Garfield Ridge is planning a one day bus trip to the Milwaukee German Fest on July 29th. The fee is \$20.

On August 5th, a Wisconsin State Fair is being planned. The fee is \$22. Non members are welcome. Departure is from Archer/Rutherford. Reservations can be arranged by calling (773) 847-6892.



Committee Tees Up For Park Lawn

The Park Lawn Invitational Golf Tournament is a charity event that benefits children and adults with developmental disabilities enrolled in Park Lawn's programs. Members of the golf committee make final plans for the annual tournament to be held at Ravisloe Country Club on July 17, 2000. The day is complete with a delicious barbecue lunch, challenging golf on the links of Ravisloe and a sumptuous five station buffet dinner in the evening. For more information call the Park Lawn development office at (708) 422-6867. Pictured Left to Right: John Puhr, Executive Director Jim Weise, LeRoy Corrandino, Maury Barger, Co-Chairman Rodger Kadet, Lisa Gay, Co-Chairman William Snow, Michael Walsh.

Success is the sum of detail.

—Harvey S Firestone

Friends Announce Ravinia Concert

The Friends of Oak Lawn Library will host a trip to hear "20th Century Broadway" performed at Ravinia Festival on Sunday, August 27. An in-person registration will be held Saturday, July 22 at 9-11 a.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

The cost of this trip is \$52 for members and \$54 for others. It includes deluxe coach transportation and reserved pavilion seats.

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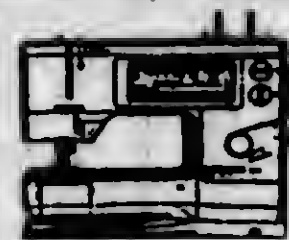
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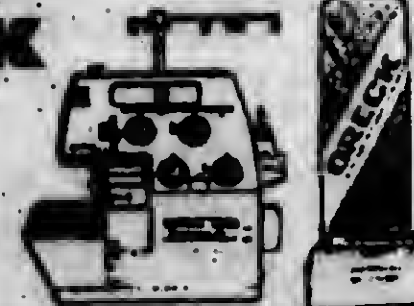
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge



Showing support for Bill Lipinski

By: Kim Wolford

On Thursday June 29, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. was the annual Bill Lipinski Forth of July parade. It ran from Archer Ave and Central and ended at Wentworth Park by Kennedy High School. On of the fellow Fire departments, Central Stickney Fire Protection district, was supporting Lipinski that day in the parade. Shown above is fellow firefighters, Armondo Sandoval and Jason Staidl waving to the crowd.

Clearing Civic League

Date Change For
CCL Fund Raiser
New Date is August 9

The date was changed to Wednesday as more people had this day open and also the Hale Park Seniors will be meeting on August 7.

The cost is \$20 per person which includes bus, lunch buffet and a \$5 gambling voucher.

The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. from Hale School North Parking Lot at 61st and Melvina. You may park your car in the lot. The bus will leave the Hollywood Casino in Aurora at 2:30 p.m. for home.

Call Richard Zilka for tickets at (773) 586-4378.

Concerts in the Park

There will be three concerts in this summer at Wentworth Park starting at 7 p.m. Franz Bentler will be featured at the Tuesday, July 25th concert. At this writing, the artists are unknown for the August 1 and 8 concerts.

Blooming Branch
Lecture

The topic for the Thursday, July 20 lecture at 7 p.m. at the Clearing Branch Library located at 6423 W. 63rd Place, will be Introduction to Integrated Pest Management: What's Bugging You?

Clearing Civic
League

On September 12, Clearing Civic League will have State Senator Christine Radogno (24th District) and State Rep. Eileen Lyons (47th District) as guest speakers.

Also, Nancy Bednarek from the Osteoporosis Prevention Society will be available. She will check the bone density in your index finger. There will be no cost to seniors but they need to bring their Medicare card. If you are not 65 years or older, there will be a charge of \$20. Please keep the September 12th date open. You may sign up before the meeting at 7 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 5717 W. 63rd St.

Kennedy H.S.
Marquee

Richard and Marie Zilka are proud grandparents of Daniel Biniewicz who was selected on the Who's Who of the State of Illinois High School State Scholars. Their daughter Patricia Biniewicz graduated from Kennedy High School. The principal of Kennedy High School, Dr. Fanchion L. Blumenberg, ran this information on the marquee for over a week. Thank you, Dr. Blumenberg!

Midway Garden
Society plans
Wisconsin Trips

Midway Garden Society of Garfield Ridge is planning a one day bus trip to the Milwaukee German Fest on July 29th. The fee is \$20.

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Residents protest noise proofing rules on Archer

By Rick Techman

About a dozen Garfield-Ridge homeowners protested the oversight of their homes for the residential sound insulation program at the Patriots Day Parade last week along Archer Avenue. Some of the protesters continued to air their grievances with signs posted in front of their homes seeking tax relief or their share of the sound insulation dividends.

Subject of Clearing Exhibit stays on top

The Clearing branch of the Chicago Public Library held an exhibit of The Heart of Tents by Steven Vita poetry book in March, and its exhibit choice was very international indeed. Who's Who in the World 2001 will be including Steven Vita, continuing Vita's presence in the exclusive book.

The Heart of Tents and Steven Vita are written of by literary professionals who have taught at Oxford University, Cambridge University, the University of Chicago, Duke University, Columbia University, the University of California at Berkeley, Princeton University, Harvard University, the Sorbonne Nouvelle, and more with descriptions as "striking," "exciting," and "original" -- from the likes of John Ashbery, John Bayley, and Sir Stephen Spender.

Ruth Danon who has taught at New York University writes that Steven Vita is "a gifted poet." Daniel Weissbord of the University of Iowa writes of Steven Vita, "He is, I believe, that increasingly rare bird, the true original."

Duplex owner John Elrod and his wife Rebecca, from 51st and Menard, received a letter from Jeffrey Crosby, Chicago's Assistant Commissioner of Aviation, offering them an opportunity to have their home soundproofed this year while the City was working on homes in the 80 decibel range.

The letter, dated June, 2000, opened by congratulating the couple on their acceptance into the program and told them the residential sound insulation program had been established by Mayor Richard Daley and the Chicago Department of Aviation. Crosby said in the letter that the Midway Noise Compatibility Committee served to guide the design of the sound insulation program.

About two weeks after getting the original letter from Crosby welcoming them to the program, the Elrods received a second letter, dated June 27, 2000, informing them that they were no longer eligible for participation in the program. It was at this time that the Elrods and several of their neighbors voiced their opposition to the unfair practice of excluding rowhouses and duplexes from the program.

"They are saying to us," Elrod said, "that we have a common wall that we are denied?" Rebecca Elrod added, "And there's nothing we can do about it. Our

last precinct captain quit. If we prove residency, she added, "if we're single family homes, that means we're eligible." "If our new precinct captain," Elrod said, "was involved in there (the parade), we would have given him all the information he wanted. We put this man in there," Elrod added, "we want someone who will give us what is rightfully ours. I did request to get a meeting to see him," Elrod continued, "and they told me they would take my name, address and phone number and they will contact me when I can get an appointment."

Elrod and his neighbors' biggest complaint was that they are taxed as single family homes and as long as they must pay these high taxes they deserve the benefits of a single family residence. They argued simply if they are not entitled to sound insulation services then they should be entitled to a major tax refund for the many years they have been paying taxes on a single family unit. "Their actually saying that we're rental property," Tyrone Davis, another outraged homeowner, said.

Elrod said he just wanted to be treated equal in the sound insulation program.

He explained the property values of the homes around the airport are dropping due to constant jet noise.

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Townhouses to be built in Chicago Ridge

by Jude Coyle
Bridgeview Trustee Joseph Kaput faced a different Board of Trustees when presenting a plan to build townhouses in Chicago Ridge. Kaput is a realtor and developer for The Bogey Group, Inc.

He explained to the Chicago Ridge Village Board at their July 10 Committee Meeting, he had come across an odd sized lot while working on another project. The land, located at 7000 W. 100th Street, is 32' x 200', and wedged between apartment buildings and a truck terminal. After a lot of thought, he decided that the best way to use it is to build townhouses.

Before facing the Board of Trustees, Mr. Kaput addressed the Zoning and Planning Board. His plan called for a number of variances to the Village code, including setbacks, or how far from the front and rear the buildings would sit, total land covered, not enough parking and the probability that residents will park on the sidewalks. The Zoning Board split their vote, three for and three against recommending the variances to the Village Board.

Mr. Kaput's plan includes two buildings of three and four units

each, with 6 additional parking slots between buildings. Units would be small in width and length, but would rise three stories. The first story would house garages; the second, a great room, dining room, kitchen, dinette and half bath. The third floor would consist of a full bath and two or three bedrooms, depending on whether the great room would have a vaulted ceiling. The target market would include singles, couples and families with one child.

Similar buildings have been built recently in Bridgeport, Downtown Chicago and on the North Side, and are selling for as much as \$350,000. The Bogey Group plans to sell these units for approximately \$135-139,000.

Village Board members agreed that this might work. Trustee Don Pratt suggested that the walks on 101st Place are moved to the curb, as 101st is not a thru street. Mr. Kaput agreed to that, and to placing restrictions in the condo association's bylaws concerning parking on sidewalks.

According to Mayor Siegel, this piece of land was originally used as a nursery. The present building was used as an office.

It is just as unpleasant to get more than you bargain for as to get less.

—George Bernard Shaw

Chief Michael Rio of Chicago Ridge discusses his department

by Jude Coyle
Police Chief Michael Rio of Chicago Ridge addressed several problems at the July 10, Chicago Ridge Village Board Committee Meeting. Residents from 98th and Nottingham asked for greater police presence. They reported an increase in traffic and speeders at all times, day and night. They are concerned about their children's safety.

Homeowners from 107th and Massasoit demanded that the Village replace a 'no parking from here to corner' sign that another resident removed. State laws restrict parking ten feet behind stop signs. Residents are concerned that the width of the street would hamper the progress of emergency vehicles. According to Fire Chief Randy Grossl, it is tight, but fire trucks have negotiated that corner in the past. Rather than risk another sign being removed, Jack Lind of the Public Works Department will paint the curbs yellow, ten feet behind stop signs at problem corners. The first will be Massasoit, Major and Parkside, with school and church crossings to follow.

Homeowners on Massasoit and apartment dwellers have bumped heads in the past over parking problems. At a previous meeting, home-

owners claimed to have dealt with property damage, debris, and blocked streets. They claim there are many empty parking places each night in the apartment building lot, and that the renters do not need to park on the street. A group of renters were expected to address their concerns, but did not show. The lighting is poor in that lot and cars parked there have been broken into. When those buildings were built in the mid sixties, developers provided 1-1/2 parking places per apartment. Today, most families own two or more vehicles.

Later in his report, Chief Rio passed on nearly \$3,000 in checks from the collection agency handling delinquent parking tickets. He pointed out that his officers have issued more tickets, whether parking, speeding, or for other infractions than ever before. He promised to continue to do their best.

According to F.B.I. and Illinois State Police statistics, the crime rate in Chicago Ridge has dropped 8.4% last year. That is the 11th straight year that the Village has experienced a drop.

Chief Rio also discussed plans for buying a police dog. The Village had budgeted \$30,000 for the purchase of a special squad car, complete with dog cage and

electric door releases. Another \$5,000 would come from the narcotics account. According to the Chief the dog would be housed with an officer and his family.

Another matter Chief Rio discussed is the Major Crime Task Force. When activated, the 5th and 6th District Units will use the old Village Hall as a base of operation. The Major Crime Task Force is a coalition of 110 trained investigators from 42 communities, Illinois State Police and the Cook County Sheriff's Police. They are called into action when the Chief of a member community asks for help to solve a major crime or series of crimes. Recently, the task force apprehended suspects in

a murder and armed robbery in Blue Island, and arrested another in a drive by gang shooting in Riverdale.

Finally, Chief Rio presented Trustee Juanita Babcock with several old photographs to be added to the History Room collection. Residents willing to part with old photos or memorabilia can give them to the Library.

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Palos Hills News

By Carlene O'Conner

At the city council meeting of Thursday, July 6, Alderman awarded a contract to design a new park at 8455 W. 103rd Street.

Grayslake company plans on putting in a gazebo, a playground, and a water feature at the site. Construction will begin in the spring of 2001 and will be funded by an Illinois First Grant for a total of \$486,000.

An ordinance was also passed establishing regulations for overweight vehicles. Residents and people alike who drive through town can now be fined between \$75 and \$300 if they do not have a permit. Permits run \$50 for a one way trip and for a round trip it's \$80. People who want to take multiple trips within 120 days will pay a fee of \$150.

Emergency vehicles and fire trucks as well as city equipment for snow removal will not be ticketed. Signs for this ordinance will be posted

throughout town alerting drivers. Permits can be obtained from the police department. The council passed the ordinance to protect city streets from damage.

For all people who did not attend the Friendship Fest, it was a huge success and a fun filled time for all. About 20,000 people attended the festival and even people from neighboring towns visited Palos Hills to see the attractions such as Bob West as "Elvis," Dick Biondi, and Joel Daley and the Sundowners.

There was a Ronald McDonald magic show, pony rides, several arts and crafts booths and a horse demonstration.

Alderman Al Pacek was very happy with the results of the fest and said the council really attributes all credit to Mary Jo Vincent, Community Resource Commissioner and her department. The next city council meeting will be July 20 at 8:00 PM.

Military News

Air Force Airman Dwayne N. Blanke has graduated from basic military

training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Blanke is the son of Linda G. Blanke of Oak Lawn. In 1998, he graduated from Cosmopolitan Preparatory, Chicago, IL.

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Highlights from Bridgeview Village Board Meeting

by: Jude Coyle

The Bridgeview Village Board voted to pass Ordinance #00-39. This subdivides the Elizabeth and Tina Subdivision on the northwest corner of 79th St. and Harlem, into 5 lots. Ordinance #00-40 rezones the same piece of property from R for residential to C-2 for commercial.

Currently Pioneer Trailer court and 55 to sixty trailers are housed on this corner. The business is about 40 years old, and many of the trailers have been there nearly that long. Village officials are afraid that some will fall apart if moved because of their age.

According to Trustee Wayne Grabinski, residents have one year to relocate. Because a number of the residents are elderly and/or financially strapped, Village President Landek prompted community leaders to create a committee to help residents find new digs. Members include Village officials, representatives from St. Fabian Catholic Church and from the First Baptist Church. Trailers remaining after the move will be torn down and removed at no expense to the owner.

Walgreens will anchor a new mall at this corner. Plans include a department or warehouse store like Aldi's, a drive through

Sheriff's "SWAP Crews" cleaning up around town

Labor crews from the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) will be working in Evergreen Park on August 19, as a public ser-

vice to the taxpayers of Cook County, according to the Office of Michael F. Sheahan.

According to Trustee Grabinski, this process began three years ago. With the passage of these ordinances, the Village's part in preparing the way for the removal of the trailers is complete.

Another item brought before the Board on July 19, was Ordinance #00-34. This provided for the issue and sale of \$375,000 bonds to help finance the construction and improvement to 77th Ave.

Trustee Grabinski asked the Board to issue a building permit and waive the fees for the First Baptist Church. They are planning a 113' x 100' extension of their parking lot.

The Zoning and Planning Commission recommended that the Village grant a variance to Nextel Corp, allowing them to build a 100 foot communication tower at 7615 S. 76th Avenue.

All the above items were approved.

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The SWAP Program is made up of non-violent offenders charged with DUI and other misdemeanor crimes who "swap" jail time for a community service sentence. Under supervision of specially trained sheriff's deputies, the crews work throughout the county on a variety of public works projects such as cleaning parks, viaducts, and streets.

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Friends in High Places

Commentary

By: F.J. Soczek

Justice is instinct and innate, that the moral sense is as much a part of our constitution as that of feeling, seeing or hearing.

Thomas Jefferson

This is a story about justice—more specifically, a lack thereof—within the Village of Oak Lawn.

In March of this year, the Oak Lawn Board of Trustees, after lengthy closed-door sessions, voted to give automobile dealer Edward Napleton special financial treatment—at the expense of every taxpayer and good citizen of the Village.

The Board approved (with Trustees Robert Streit and Steven Rosenbaum dissenting) a plan to purchase the Oak Lawn Park District administration building from the latter entity and assign title to car dealer Edward Napleton.

The competitive bidding procedure, a process whereby a formal notice of the sale is published in a local newspaper and bids are solicited from any other-qualified individual, was "waived."

In effect, the elected Board officials prohibited any individual (other than Ed Napleton) the opportunity to purchase this public property.

The attorneys hired by the Village and Park District are reluctant to discuss the particulars of the matter, claiming "confidentiality."

A Freedom of Information Act request for details such as property value appraisals and the names of the individuals conducting them was denied by Park District official James Schmaedeke.

Oak Lawn Village attorney Thomas Bayer drafted a lease/purchase agreement in January that acknowledged the following revelation:

"Whereas NAPLETON is desirous of obtaining the REAL ESTATE in that it owns the property immediately West of the REAL ESTATE; and

Whereas NAPLETON concerned that, if it participates in the sealed bid process with the Park District, it may not be the successful bidder..."

Since the Village has always afforded special treatment to automobile dealers (quite often at the expense of small family businesses such as ice cream parlors and cookie stores) the slick end run to accommodate Napleton is not terribly surprising.

According to a recent letter by Village attorney Thomas Bayer, Thomas Farrell (attorney for the Park District) "obtained the necessary Court Order vacating the sealed bid process....and in addition,

Tom Farrell has advised me that said Court Order approves the Real Estate Purchase Contract between the Village and the Park District."

Attorney Farrell refused repeated requests to discuss the matter. Numerous appeals to James Schmae-

deke of the Park District for the Circuit Court document proved equally futile.

A case number was finally obtained from a reliable Village source and the mysterious reticence became painfully clear.

Case number 96-CH 05646, purportedly adjudicated July 11 in the courtroom of Judge Julia Nowicki, was initially presented July 9, 1996 before Judge Michael Getty in the Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago Illinois.

Since the Napleton proceedings were initiated in January this year, the four year "gap" remains a mystery.

The case also exhibits numerous statutory "irregularities."

State law requires "Any park district owning and holding real estate is authorized to sell or lease such property to another unit of Illinois State or local government (or not for profit organization that provides programs for the handicapped,) in either case for public use and provided the grantee covenants to hold and maintain such property for public park or recreational purposes."

The latter law also requires the park district, as an alternative, to "obtain other real property of substantially the same size or larger...with the same or greater suitability for park district purposes without additional costs to the district."

The applicable law furthermore contains provisions for the sale of park district property to private entities. One such

requirement allows an "exchange" for "other real property of substantially equal or greater value as determined by 2 appraisals of the property."

The same "substantial or greater suitability for park purposes" directive also remains in effect.

Sales or transfers which do not comply with the above prerequisites are subject to approval by a public referendum.

A public hearing is also required, with notices published not less than three times (the first and last publication being not less than 10 days apart.)

Public documents show a public hearing was scheduled for Case 96-05646—on July 9, 1996.

The 5760 W. 95th St Park District Bldg. is not exactly "immediately West" of the current Napleton-owned property. There is a public street separating the two properties.

But this issue is of little concern to Trustee Ron Stancik, who suggested an eventual transfer could be arranged to make things more convenient for Napleton.

Clearly, the real reason for the cloak and dagger tactics thus far displayed is MONEY. Pure and simple.

It is rather ironic a property directly abutting Napleton's vacant lot has been for sale for over a year. It is not unlike the Park District property, except of one minor exception. The listing price (Feb., 2000) is \$849,000.

With a \$525,000 purchase price of the Park District building, Napleton will stand to save a cool \$300,000.

If, indeed, Napleton is concerned about "being the high bidder," Oak Lawn taxpayers have a much greater worry. That of being literally "sold out" by elected officials who have forsaken fairness for favoritism.

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noon. A regular schedule of Children attending Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 will begin the 2000-2001 school year on Thursday, August 24th, 2000. Classes resume on August 24th for all children. Kindergarten through 8th grade, at 8:40 a.m. with students dismissed for the day at 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 25, 2000 will be a half day of pupil attendance with classes dismissed at 12:00

classes begins on Monday, August 28th, 2000. School hours for all children in grades 1-8 are from 8:40 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The individual building Principals will notify parents of kindergarten children of their school hours.

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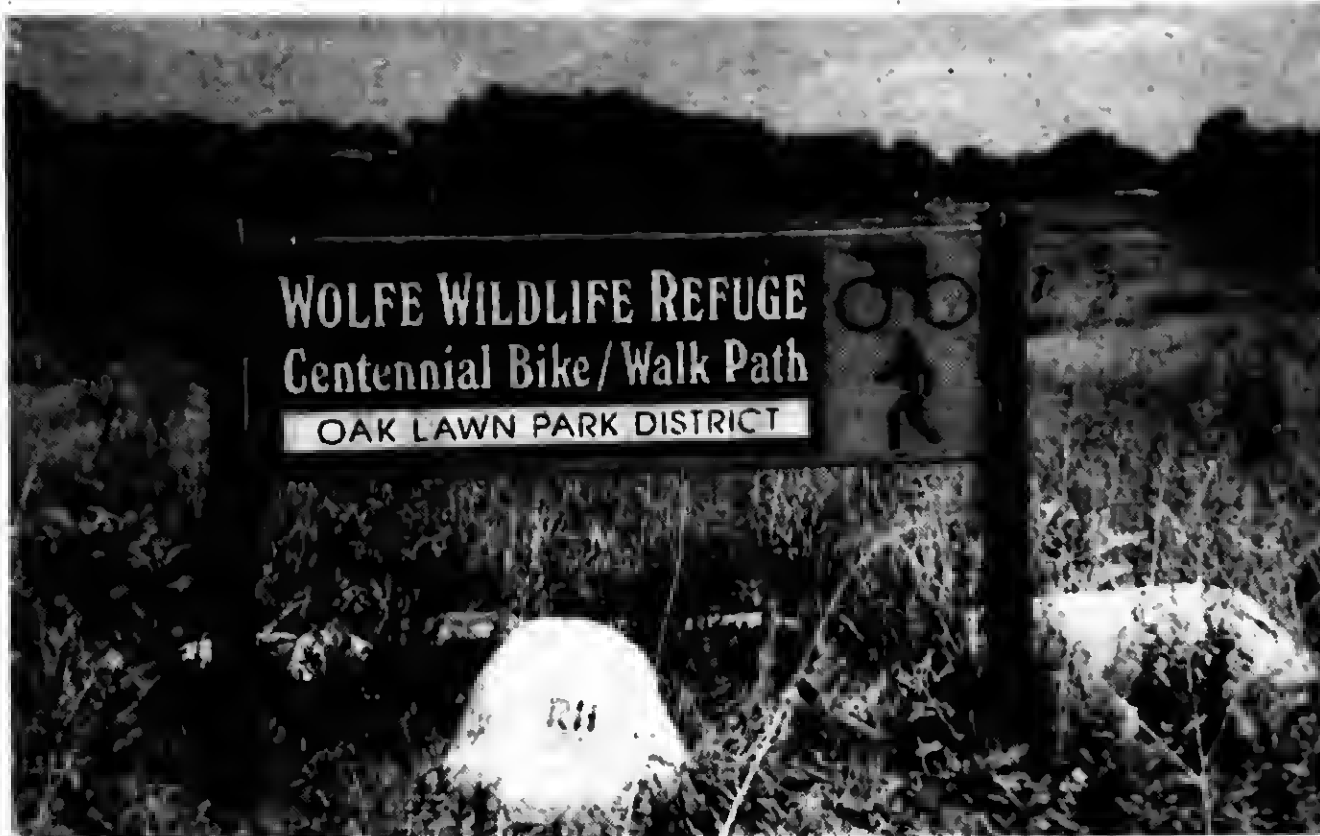
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Flooding and the Importance of Stony Creek

by Jude Coyle

According to Lynn Krauss, Engineer for the Village of Oak Lawn, it is neither legal, nor is it possible to halt the flow of a creek. Water will always find its way. The topic we spoke of was Stony Creek. Fed by underground streams and run off from miles and miles of concrete, it is an enigma that runs in two directions. The apex, or split, happens now beneath the intersection of 111th and Cicero. The East Branch runs from that point to where it connects with the Cal Sag Channel in Blue Island. The West Branch connects again with the Cal Sag, but now in Palos. It is also a registered waterway and wetlands area of the United States.

When discussing streams traveling through Oak Lawn, flooding comes to mind. In the past few years, the Village of Oak Lawn has used it to drain storm water run off from surrounding neighborhoods, particularly Acorn Glen and Eagle Ridge.

But does it cause flooding?

A few thousand years ago, glaciers pushed as far south as Southern Cook County. As the ice traveled, it pushed silt, gravel, rock and the like ahead of it. When the glaciers melted, two things happened. Number one,

the silt formed an island on the edge of Lake Michigan. It was called Mt. Forest Island or at an earlier stage, Lane Island. Lake Michigan retreated over time, leaving behind a rise in the earth. This rise is where Worth, Chicago Ridge, Bridgeview, and parts of Oak Lawn are located. Surrounding that is flood plain. Number two, mold grew, spreading throughout Northern Illinois. Eventually the mold turned to clay, which is not water soluble. Taking both these factors into account explains why parts of Oak Lawn flood.

Acorn Glen was built on flood plain. In hind sight, officials admit that allowing construction there, was a mistake. Bus Yourell of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District described how he once lost a car in Acorn Glen when he had turned into the subdivision during a downpour.

When many of those homes were built, contractors connected them to one sewer. One measure Mr. Yourell recommended to alleviate flooding, is to split storm sewers from sanitary sewers. Sanitary pipes are 3 inches in diameter, and fill quickly. Once that happens, pressure builds and waste water shoots up and out of the sewers like geysers from the earth. Storm sewers are usually 12' inches in diameter. The M.W.R.D. has mandated the split, and so has the Village of Oak Lawn.

According to Jerry Chiccarello of the Public Works Department, a few years ago, the Village checked each home to be sure that the split had been made. They pump-

ed smoke through the sanitary sewers. In homes where work was completed, the smoke escaped through the sewer stack on the roofs.

Mr. Yourell also recommends disconnecting downspouts from storm sewers. He says that lawns can better handle storm water run off.

Where Stony Creek hasn't caused flooding, it has been looked to for a solution to the problem. The first efforts were made by farmers a hundred years back, when they dug a small channel, now called Melvina Ditch. It runs parallel to Melvina Avenue, and south, to where it drains into Stony Creek. At that time, Stony was wide enough to be used as a shipping channel. An 1890 map shows a long, straight, river like passage. The Little Calumet River met it north of 123rd, at what

was then 40th Avenue (Pulaski). When the Cal Sag was built during the second decade of the Twentieth Century, the greater portion of the water from Stony Creek was drained off, and a large chunk of the Little Calumet west of Riverdale disappeared.

What was left of Stony Creek was allowed to meander back and forth, in and out, from Blue Island, through Alsip and Oak Lawn and into Palos until the early '70's. The State of Illinois then decided to move the apex, the point in which the flow of the Creek split, from 103rd and Cicero, to its present location at 111th. They commissioned the construction of a 5'x10' box beneath the intersection of 111th and Cicero. This

box is blocked at either end by huge doors, and acts as an escape valve. When flooding threatens, the doors can be lifted and excess water is allowed to flow backwards.

Since then, the State of Illinois and the Army Corp. of Engineers has culverted a good portion of it, forcing Stony underground. Asked if the culverts are large enough to handle storm water, Jack Famum, M.W.R.D. Engineer, assures that they are. They comfortably channel away run off caused by melting snow each spring.

Stony Creek has been picked up, moved from one side of the street to the other, redefined, contained and redirected. Small tributaries have been sealed off and forced back into the main body of the Creek.

Homes on Lamb Drive were removed and a retention basin was dug. That drains into the Creek.

In the early '90's, a civilian organization called Oak Lawn Environmental Task Force, in conjunction with the Oak Lawn Park District, developed an all encompassing restoration project. Plans were made to dredge the Creek of fecal matter, which came to be there because of storm water run off. The flow would be increased with the dredging, which would then allow the Creek to filter itself naturally. Native plants were reintroduced along the Creek-side with the intent of slowing erosion. The Wolfe Nature Reserve behind Harold L. Richards High School was developed. Plans were made to educate the public on matters of pollution, restoration, recycling, etc.

According to the Army Corp of Engineers Project Manager Fellsia Kirksey, flooding is still a problem. She has worked closely with the Village Manager and Village Engineer Lynn Krause. Many ideas have been considered and developed, and were discarded by the Village for one reason or another, or because of the costs. The current plan is to redirect the Melvina Ditch around the Chicago Ridge Mall, allowing it to enter Stony Creek further upstream. All that is left at this point is to present this to the Village of Chicago Ridge and await their decision.



Awards presented at the Beverly Theatre Guild's annual Installation Dinner Dance

The Beverly Theatre Guild held its annual Installation Dinner Dance at the Garden Chalet. The event, a celebration of the just completed 37th season, featured an awards presentation, installation of the Guild's new Board of Directors, and discussion of an exciting 2000-2001 theater season.

The awards were presented by President, Ed Fudacz. The award for Best Actor during the 1999-2000 season went to Jim Seeberg for his memorable performance as Hannibal in the touching comedy by John Patrick, "The Curious Savage." Glenn Hering and Wayne Wendell received the Distinguished Service Award for their long history of work in all aspects of Guild productions and finally the President's Award went to Bob Brodsky for his dedication to the Guild and his work as photographer for shows and other functions.

The 2000-2001 Board of Directors was then installed. They are President, Ed Fudacz; Vice President, Cheryl Miller; Treasurer, Dan Murphy; Recording Secretary, Melissa McGuire; Corresponding

Secretary Tom Fagan; Publicity Director, Mark Eaton; and new Board member, Marie Griffen who is the Social Director. Outgoing Board member, is Karen Breen, was recognized for her work throughout the season.

The 38th season will include three productions to be staged at the current Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th St. Chicago. Opening the season will be the musical revue, "Broadway Magic II," running November 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 2000. This original production will feature musical and dance numbers from both old and new shows, from "The Music Man" to "Ragtime," along with scenes from non-musicals. "Bad Seed" by Maxwell Anderson, will run February 2, 3, and 4, 2001. A suspenseful and chilling story that will keep audience members on the edge of their seats. Rounding out the season is "The Philadelphia Story," by Phillip Barry, running April 27, 28, and 29, 2001. A romantic comedy listed recently at number fifteen on the list of all time great comedies. Season tickets are available, call (312) 409-2705.



Distinguished Service Award Winners announced at Beverly Theatre Guild's annual Dinner Dance

Distinguished Service Award winners: Wayne Wendell (2nd from left), Glenn Hering (far right) are congratulated by Vice President Cheryl Miller (far left) and President Ed Fudacz (3rd from left) at the Beverly Theatre Guild's annual Installation Dinner/Dance recently held at the Garden Chalet.



The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed.
—Carl Jung

New Mothers' Club Officers at St. Laurence

The Mothers' Club at St. Laurence High School officially introduced its new board members for the 2000-2001 school year during the annual Installation Mass and Dinner last month. Brother Robert May, Moderator, announced the following officers. (Front Row L-R): Kathy Becker (Burbank), 4th Vice President; Linda Delajewski (Orland Park), Treasurer; Phyllis Schultz (Justice), President; and Debbie Brannan (Chicago, Scottsdale), 1st Vice President. (Back Row L-R): Brother May, Anna Marie Grajek (Justice, 2nd Vice President; Lisa Plasencia (Chicago, Garfield Ridge), Corresponding Secretary; Janice Ratleph (Chicago, Garfield Ridge), Recording Secretary; Diane Klimek (Burbank), 3rd Vice President; and Father Norman Trela, St. Laurence Chaplain.

Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International's plans for next meeting

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, August 10, 2000 at the Royal Palace Banquet Hall, 6254 W. 111th St., Chicago.

The featured speakers for August's meeting are missionaries, Rev. Bill Martin and his wife Cindy. Bill grew up in Oak Lawn, attended St. Germaine and Brother Rice High School, then went to Dallas Theological Seminary, where he received his Master of Divinity and his interest in missionary work blossomed. Cindy was also raised in a Christian family and was interested in being a missionary at a young age. She graduated from Moody Bible Institute with a diploma in Christian Education. They each have a degree in Music Education.

Bill was pastor of Bethel Bible Church for 9 years while Cindy did teaching, counseling, and administrative work. They also home schooled their four children.

In 1990, the Lord called them to train others, and teach in the former Soviet Union which led to the family to Baltic countries, and in 1997 they went to serve full time in Riga, Latvia.

Please join us and bring a friend to hear how miracles can happen when you meet challenges with diligent faith, as the Martins have, while spreading God's word in former communist countries.

Dinner tickets are \$12, available at 6:30 p.m. at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00 p.m. For reservations and/or information, please call Josephine at (773) 767-8031.

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For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Money is the issue behind potential arguments. Don't let yourself get in the middle of them. F aids and a Leo.

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Children and child-like people seem to be taking up much of your time, money or effort. Virgo and T helps, ask.

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For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: A long time ago you made a wish and it has been slow in coming. Well, hang in there, it's due. L aids.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: B and someone in the sign of Aquarius have some very important matters to discuss with you, possibly legal. Be ready.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: If you think about it, there is nothing in the dark that isn't there in the light. There is nothing stopping you now. F and J involved, romance and travel plans too.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: You get that big break you have been looking for when you focus your mind on who, what, where, when and why of anything you want to become involved in.

To Genie: Children do not need to be explained to as to why you do this or that. Unless you want to tell them, don't! You are the parent, not the child.

To Barbara: You can't please everyone, so, please yourself. This is a time in your life when you have to make choices, stand by them, and then everyone involved will benefit. "They" will be back!

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Titanic still drawing crowds

by Jude Coyle

What does Mr. Alexander A. Robins, Mr. Karl Kristian Knut Rommetvedt, Mr. William John Rogers and Miss Salli Helena Rosblom have in common? All four booked passage on the maiden voyage of the H.M.S. Titanic. They were third class passengers and did not survive the journey. With one month left

before the Titanic exhibit packs up and sails off, crowds still clamor to get on board. The Museum of Science and Industry will house the exhibit until September 4. It's well worth the fare.

I enjoyed seeing pictures of the passengers as well as reading short bios of several of the more memorable. I also enjoyed the recreation of the first and third class passenger compartments, as well as the grand staircase. It amazed me at the condition of some of the delicate relics like paper money or cardboard collars, when cabinets made of wood had long since disintegrated.

Immediately after the

Titanic exhibit, is the story of what became known as Chicago's Titanic. On July 24, 1915, the U.S.S. Eastland flipped over in the Chicago River at Clark Street. Over 700 employees of Western Electric and their families were drowned or crushed. The exhibit details the heroic efforts of onlookers who helped to save lives or recover bodies.

While visiting the Museum, old favorites, like the coal mine exhibit, the Colleen Moore Fairy Castle, the U505 submarine and the baby chick hatchery are still capturing visitors' attention. A new and fascinating exhibit captures life in the Navy, complete with flight simulators.

The general registration fee is \$10 per person; minimal greens fees and court fees are also necessary for some events. Seniors may register for as many or as few as they wish, says Cummings. Registration forms are now available at the Oak Lawn Park District's Oakview Center, 4625 W. 110th St., Oak Lawn. The annual VIP/Athlete Pool Party for Senior Games athletes and sponsors will be held on Saturday, August 12, at Centennial Pool in Oak Lawn. Registration for all events ends on Saturday, July 15.



Dendrology is the study of trees.

Brosnahan sponsors Safety Day for Senior Citizens

State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) will be hosting a Safety Day for Senior Citizens on Thursday, August 3, at the Chicago Ridge Village Hall, 10425 S. Ridgeland at 10:00 a.m.

Brosnahan, a former prosecutor with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, explained that participants of the Safety Day will gain a better understanding of personal and home safety as well as an update of the most recent scams and con games.

"Unfortunately this time of year brings out all the scams and con artists," Brosnahan said. "I think it is extremely important that we take a preventive approach rather than a reactive one so we can minimize the crimes against the seniors."

The presentation will be given by Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan's Senior Safety Specialist Bob Walsh.

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This program administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Department on Aging gives financial assistance to adult day care centers so nutritious meals can be integrated with non-residential care services. The goal of this program is to improve participants diets. The meal and snacks served meet standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Volunteers needed for overactive bladder study

Researchers at Northwestern University are seeking participants for an investigational drug research study for the treatment of overactive bladder.

The symptoms of overactive bladder include involuntary loss of urine, urgent need to urinate and increased frequency of urination. Overactive bladder can affect men or women of any age group. It is estimated that 10 million Americans have been diagnosed with overactive bladder.

To qualify for this investigational research study at Northwestern, participants must be men or women over 18 years of age and must have had the three symptoms of overactive bladder for at least six months.

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New Genetic Counseling Service at Little Company

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers now provides genetic counseling for the early detection of cancer through an affiliation with the Medical Oncology Group of the University of Chicago Hospitals.

Genetic counseling is recommended for women or men in their 30's and 40's who have a strong family history of various cancers such as breast, colon, prostate and ovarian. Family history includes parent, sibling, or offspring who



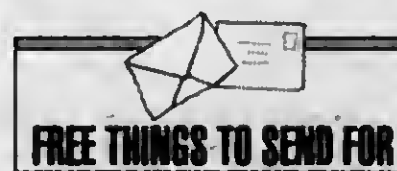
Sheriff Honors Top Employees

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan (left) presents Walter Janus (center) with an award at the Sheriff's Ninth Annual Employee Awards Ceremony held recently to honor employee excellence. Janus, who resides in Oak Lawn, has been with the Cook County Sheriff's Office since 1989 and works in the Sheriff's Court Services. Also pictured is Chief Deputy Sheriff Robert Beavers.

have been diagnosed with cancer are also at a higher risk.

Genetic counseling includes extensive examination of family and, if appropriate, blood work to see if the patient is a carrier of cancer susceptibility genes. While genetic counseling does not lower a patient's cancer risk, it may help identify those at greatest risk who can then seek more tailored screening. This allows for early detection which is the key to successful management.

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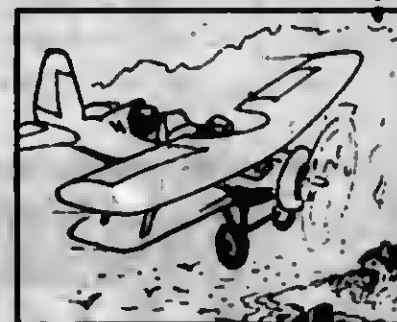
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Health Hints

Once again, the federal government's Dietary Guidelines -- almost three years in the making and released over Memorial Day weekend -- shamefully fail to convey the best-possible preventative message to the American people. As a physician and nutrition researcher, I am disappointed to see meat, dairy, and eggs still heavily pushed as acceptable fare, when we know full well that the fat and cholesterol they contain are linked to more than half our heart disease cases, more than one-third of cancer cases, and a great many cases of stroke, high blood pressure, diabetes, kidney disease, obesity, gallstones, and other serious, costly, and often deadly health problems. Antibiotic traces consumed via animal products are mut-

ing doctors' abilities to fight infections. Foodborne illnesses caused by salmonella, campylobacter, and E.coli are spread only through animal products or via contamination by animal feces or by those who have handled animal products without subsequently washing their hands. Let us hope the next Dietary Guidelines in 2005 will be crafted by an advisory panel untainted by financial links to animal agriculture interests, unlike the panel that prepared this fifth edition. If so, its recommendations will encourage a low-fat, vegan diet of vegetables, fruits, legumes, and whole grains -- an eating approach scientifically shown to greatly reduce incidence of the problems just mentioned. America's meat-and-dairy-centered diet is

sickening and killing us by the millions. Straightforward Dietary Guidelines, which govern school lunches and other federal nutrition programs and whose influence extends much further, could shine as a beacon that could enhance and lengthen so many lives.



Though Charles Lindbergh's solo flight is more well-known, the first nonstop, transatlantic flight, from Newfoundland to Ireland, was actually accomplished in 1919 by pilot John William Alcock and navigator Arthur W. Brown.

Childbirth Education at St. Francis Hospital and Health Care Center

Expecting an addition to your family? The Family Birth Place at St. Francis Hospital and Health Care Center offers childbirth education classes for the entire family. All classes are held at the hospital, 12935 S. Gregory St., Blue Island.

Breast Feeding for Working Moms: Attention new mothers! Are you planning to return to work after the birth of your baby? We are now offering a one hour class on combining breast feeding and working. Cost: \$20. Call (708) 385-4433 for dates and times.

Early Pregnancy Class: Wednesday, August 9, 7-9 pm. Couples will learn about the emotional adjustments and physical discomforts associated with pregnancy; growth and development of the fetus; proper nutrition; prenatal exercises; and relaxation techniques. Recommended for mothers to be in their first or second trimester of pregnancy. Cost: \$15. To register, call (708) 385-4433.

Lamaze Class: Mondays, August 21 through September 18, from 7-9:30 pm. Classes teach mild body building exercises; Lamaze breathing and relaxation techniques; the coach's role

in labor and delivery; back labor, fetal monitoring and other aspects of delivery. Recommended for mothers to be in the last trimester of pregnancy. Cost: \$60. To register, call (708) 385-4433.

Lamaze Refresher Class: Mondays, August 28 and September 11, 7-9:30 pm. This class is for those who have previously attended a lamaze class and want to "brush up" on their skills. Cost: \$30. Call (708) 385-4433.

Relaxation services are also available at St. Francis Hospital and Health Care Center.

Massage Therapy: This therapeutic body work prevents and alleviates discomfort, muscle spasms and stress to the entire body. Deep tissue, sports massage, Swedish massage and Trigger Point therapy treatments available. All services performed by certified and professional massage therapists. Cost: \$35 for one half hour or \$55 for one hour. To make an appointment, call (708) 597-2000, ext. 4222.

Reflexology: A technique that focuses on reflex points along the feet to help relieve stress throughout the whole body. Cost: \$25 for one half hour or \$35 for one hour. Call (708) 597-2000, ext. 4222 to make an appointment.

Our Lady of the Snows honors Rev. James Mezydlo

The parish family of Our Lady of the Snows, 4810 S. Leamington, will honor Rev. James A. Mezydlo, pastor, for the guidance and leadership he has extended to parishioners for the last ten years, at the 5 o'clock Mass on August 5, 2000, the feast of Our Lady of the Snows, followed by a reception and dinner in Kinsella Hall. Former parishioners are welcome to attend.

The feast of Our Lady of the Snows (the dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary's in Rome) has traditionally been celebrated with a potluck supper, following the evening Mass. This year will be no different, except for a few changes. The ham and chicken entrees will be provided, along with rolls and beverages. The parish family is being asked to bring appetizers, salads and desserts, preferably cold.

To avoid an overabundance in any single category, if your last name begins with: A-I, bring an appetizer; J-Q, provide a salad; R-Z, share a dessert or fruit. If these designations present a problem, bring whatever you wish. Drop off your food item before Mass, if possible.

Sharing your specialties will make Father Jim's reception a night to remember.

Father James A. Mezydlo, 48, pastor of Our Lady of the Snows for the past 10 years, will become pastor of St. Florian Parish on August 15th. He served as associate pastor at St. Joseph, Summit, 1977-1982, and St. Joseph on South Hermitage Ave., 1982-1989.

All who know Father Jim, wish him well on his journey of faith to St. Florian's.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By Kathy Whirity



Bingo

The name seemed to be a perfect fit. When the time came to introduce our two young daughters to a family pet, Bill and I decided that a female dog would be the best choice. This bit of wisdom had been proven time and time again by the temperaments of the dogs I had been raised with. Females just seemed to catch on real quick to the house training thing, while any males that made it passed our front door were quite consistent at leaving their mark whenever and wherever they felt the urge.

We had a list of girls names picked out, but in the end it was Missy that we all agreed upon for our new girl puppy.

A friend's dog had given birth to a litter of rust colored puppies, and for us it was love at first sight. There was only one problem. The friend explained there was one female and it had already been promised to someone else. Since these little darlings were so irresistible, we decided to accept a male and hope for the best.

Now our focus had to be on finding a different name, since it just wouldn't be right to call our male appendage Missy.

We began the task of mulling over names like Buddy, Pal, Gonzo, and Tigger, but our sweet, new puppy really didn't fit any of those male-oriented names.

The name Bingo kind of popped in my head one day, and when I shared the thought with my family they agreed it was the perfect name for our perfect little dog. So, Bingo it was.

It was our trip to the Vet that both enlightened and surprised us about the newest addition to our family. We were informed to our delight that Bingo was more accurately a Bingess. We were dumbfounded but thrilled that we had our female dog after all, though at the time I'm sure another family having a similar revelation - perhaps hoping to do a little name changing of their own. As for our dear pet she would be forever stuck answering to the name Bingo. I guess there are worse things that could befall a pet. She is now old and gray, and slowly shuffles around, her over sized body usually found resting behind her master's favorite chair. In dog years she would now be about 70 years old, ever my faithful companion.

She has survived being raised with two sprightly little girls who, as youngsters, showered her with enough attention that caused her to take solace underneath our bed. And now that they are grown, poor Bingo has to almost stand on her head to even get them to notice her. To them her grunts and groans are nothing more than a nuisance, yet they are a subtle reminder, to me, that the old girl's days are numbered.

Her gentle manner and undying loyalty are just a few of the reasons for my gratitude at picking out the best mixed up pet that ever was.

....And B-I-N-G-O was her name.

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Guest Columnist

China PNTR? Congress has another option

by Al Lance

Washington -- What would you call a government that suppresses basic human rights, threatens the sovereignty of free and independent neighbors, steals our nation's nuclear secrets, attempts to buy political influence, builds up its military as the administration down sizes ours, develops the ability to launch a nuclear attack on U.S. soil, and dodges its moral obligation to account for our missing servicemen?

Actually, the Clinton administration, a majority in the U.S. House of Representatives and a presumptive majority in the Senate would have you believe that such a government, China, is merely a trading partner. However, the men and women of the 2.8 million member American Legion, all of whom have served or are still serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces, know a potential adversary, and a former enemy, when we see one.

On one condition - and one condition only - should the U.S. Senate approve Permanent Normalized Trade Relations with China, and House-Senate conferences should concur. The president of the United States must annually certify that China is improving its abysmal human rights record, cooperating on the

accounting of American POW/MIAs, and not engaging in nuclear proliferation. This move would send the message to China that the U.S. favors free trade, but will not suborn the buildup of tyranny's arsenal.

Foreign policy begs for a cautious trade policy, not the other way around. China will be worthy of PNTR, in effect will become just another trading partner, when it takes four crucial steps.

*Recognition of Taiwan's right to self determination;

*Full cooperation on the accounting of American servicemen missing from the Korean War, Vietnam War, and the Cold War;

*Abandonment of policies aimed at military dominance in Asia; and

*Encouragement and promotion of human rights and religious freedom among the Chinese people.

Until these criteria are met, China is not a mere trading partner but a global bully. A partner would not suppress dissent or the freedom to worship. A partner would not threaten to invade Taiwan. A partner would not engage in nuclear espionage. A partner would not shop for radar planes from Israel or

warships from Russia then attempt to establish a base of operations overlooking the Pentagon. A partner would neither offer nor provide military assistance to Iraq and North Korea.

A partner, by most American's standards, embraces democratic ideals, then demonstrates a willingness to be a good neighbor in the community of nations, a community becoming increasingly closer knit by economic ties. A partner promises not to supply weapons of mass destruction to rogue nations, or whatever politically correct title the administration now wants to give those nations.

China could be a partner. For now, however, it is behaving more like a potential adversary in spite of its growing level of trade with the United States. America must not determine usual, customary and business-like relations with the government of China over a missionary zeal to sell goods and services to the people of China.

The U.S. Senate is poised to relinquish the power of Congress to annually review China's trade status; that's what Permanent Normalized Trade Relations would do. Instead of giving up the only non military leverage the U.S. has against

one of Asia's fastest growing military superpowers, Congress should empower the president to certify China's compliance with democratic values and global standards of responsibility. A president should be willing and eager to accept that responsibility.

This issue is bigger than free trade. Ultimately, peace is the landscape of freedom. Rewarding a belligerent enemy of human rights, instead of trying to deal with it in a manner consistent with our underlying national interest, will only undermine peace and freedom.

Al Lance is national commander of the 2.8 million member American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization. He is also the attorney general of Idaho.

Library Closed for Staff Training

The Oak Lawn Public Library will be closed Friday, August 18 for a Staff Inservice Day. Library staff will attend an all day training workshop.

Regular hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays until September 17.

An invasion of armies can be resisted, but not an idea whose time has come.
—Victor Hugo

The Chicago Ridge Home Depot to be 1,000th store

The Home Depot, the world's largest home improvement retailer, is pleased to announce plans to open its 1,000th store in Chicago Ridge, located at 300 Commons Drive. The Chicago Ridge store will be the 35th Home Depot in Illinois.

The Home Depot will officially begin its grand opening festivities this Wednesday evening, July 19th at 6:00 pm with a board cutting ceremony to follow. Chicago Ridge Mayor Gene Siegel and Store Manager Terri Stooksbury will out the board in celebration of the grand opening.

The Chicago Ridge store, employing approximately 150 people, will be nearly 111,000 square feet. The store will also have an attached 18,000 square foot garden center.

The store will open to the general public on Thursday, July 20th at 6 am. Store hours are Monday through Saturday, 6 am to 11 pm; and Sunday, 8 am to 8 pm.

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Theater Alive: "Much Ado About Murder"

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A famous author, his estranged wife, his double-crossing publisher, a naive secretary, and a mysterious neighbor all contribute to this rather mild mystery.

Actor John Reeger, as Selwyn Piper, the husband and author, easily and ceaselessly portrays the main character. He has been a resident artist at the Court Theatre where he has performed in twenty three plays. He also has performed at the Goodman Theatre for three seasons as Jacob Marley in A Christmas Carol. At the St. Nicholas Theatre production of Funeral March For a One-Man Band for which he received a Jeff Award.

He and his actress wife, Paula Scrofano, will be appearing this fall in the Ballad of Little Jo at the Steppenwolf Theatre. Chris Petschler, who portrays the neighbor was the son last year in the Jeff Award winning La Cage aux Folles, and the confused groom in Perfect Wedding. Kelley Hazen, who is Imogene in this can be seen this Christmas in What Women Want with Mel Gibson. Bradley Armacost who is John recently performed in Antony and Cleopatra at the new Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier.

He has performed in many Chicago Shakespeare Theatre productions. Gail Rastorfer (Christine) last appeared here in Bed Full of Foreigners, a farce, and Play It Again, Sam.

A regimen of extremely experienced actors brought to this light hearted script their talents to a perplexing cast of characters: a famous author, his naive secretary, his vengeful ex-wife, his double-crossing publisher and a mysterious neighbor. Once again artistic director Marc Robin has succeeded in creating an entertaining diversion for the audience.

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From left to right: Gail Rastorfer, Chris Petschler, Bradley Armacost, John Reeger (victim)



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Senior Club of Oak Lawn and Chicago Ridge Friendship Club

George O'Hare, Senior Citizens' Advocate for Maria Pappas, Treasurer of Cook County, will speak before the Senior Club of Oak Lawn, Tuesday, August 8 at 2 p.m. at the Senior Center, 4525 W. 95th St. On Monday, August 14 at 11:30 a.m. he will be at the Chicago Ridge Friendship Club, Chicago Ridge Village Hall, 10655 S. Ridgeland Avenue.

Lee Miller, coordinator of the Senior Club and Alice Cygan, coordinator of the Chicago

Ridge Friendship Club, announced that George, a motivational speaker, will explain the Advocacy of the Treasurer's Office.

"Mr. Accentuate the Positive," George O'Hare, is in his second career. He served as Director of Senior Advocacy for the Illinois Attorney General's Office under Neil Hartigan, and later as the Chief of the Speakers Bureau for Attorney General Roland Burris, after 34 years of dedicated service at Sears Roebuck and Company in the Merchandising and Sales Division. He has his own T.V. program on Chicago Access Cable Channel 19. Mr. O'Hare is one of Chicago's most sought after speakers and truly enjoys what he is doing.

Oak Lawn Park District Theatre

Tickets are now on sale for the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's production of *Annie Get Your Gun*, a Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. The show stars Chicago's Dawn Schnolis as Annie Oakley -- a sharpshooting Wild West Show star -- and Oak Lawn's Joel Craig as Wild West performer (and Oakley's love interest), Frank Butler. Colonel Buffalo Bill, the ringmaster of the Wild West Show will be portrayed by Oak Lawn's Randy Rowsey.

"Love is the winner in this musical based on the life story of sharpshooter Annie Oakley," says co-producer, Tim Griffen. Griffen is joined by Michael Knezz in producing

Oak Lawn's *Annie Get Your Gun*. The director is Curt Lang, the assistant director is Tamara Lang, the musical director is Marty Rowsey, the choreographer is Melanie Herman, the conductor is Bill Hansen and the set designer is Gil Olivia. Veteran performer Paul Nirchi is the show's executive producer.

Performances are scheduled for August 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. and August 6 and 13 at 3 p.m. at the Oakview Center, 4625 W. 110th St., Oak Lawn. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors and \$13 for children. For more information or to reserve tickets, call the Oak Lawn Park District at (708) 857-2200.



Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's stars of the production of "Annie Get Your Gun"

The stars of the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre's production of "Annie Get Your Gun" are Oak Lawn's Joel Craig as Frank Butler and Chicago's Dawn Schnolis as Annie Oakley. The musical will run August 4-6 and August 10-13 at the Oakview Center, 4625 W. 110th St., Oak Lawn. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors and \$13 for children.

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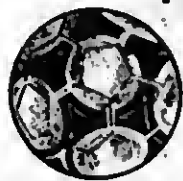
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Community Church in Orland Park. Pastor Troglio will speak on "Anger."

The doors will be open at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will start at 8:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center 7450 W. 83rd St. in Bridgeview. Further information can be obtained by calling Deacon Ken at (708) 458-8923, or Tom and Marianne (708) 499-5377.



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Tickets are available from either the Library (708) 422-8522, or Chamber (708) 423-1118, at the bargain price of \$4.00 for children and \$6.00 for adults. The entire family can enjoy a fun evening at the ballpark at a reasonable cost!

Host your block party at the baseball game -- minimum effort for maximum fun! Or take this opportunity to reward your employees and schedule your office outing for August 17. The possibilities are endless!

The evening will also include the drawing for the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Grand Raffle, which awards \$2,500 in cash prizes. If you've never been to a Cheetah's game, you've been missing out on a terrific time. Seating is limited -- call for tickets now!

Wild West Days of Crete

The Village and Township of Crete, Illinois along with the Crete Area Chamber of Commerce, the Crete Park District, and the Greater Downtown Crete Business Association, are busy planning the 8th Annual "Wild West Days of Crete" Festival. Due to the growth and success we've enjoyed over the last seven years we anticipate this year's festival to be the best yet! The dates for 2000 are: Friday, August 11, 6:00 - 11:00 p.m., Saturday, August 12, 11:00 a.m. - 12 midnight, Sunday, August 13, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

This year's festival will again be filled with lots of great family fun, great food and entertainment including Native American and Old West Traders, Old West Shoot-outs and Re-enactments, Native American Performers, Civil War Encampments with Reenactments and Demonstrations, Line Dancing, and Costume Contests. Back by popular demand is our large Children's Corral complete with Tee Pees, Lone

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Gator's Golf Guide

by Bob Gates

You are in a good fundamental set up and are ready to start your swing. At this point, what are you thinking about? A problem for many golfers is they are trying to think about too many things -- slow down, keep your eyes on the ball, keep the club on a good path, etc. In the very short period of time it takes to complete the swing, it is very difficult, if not impossible, to concentrate on two things simultaneously. You therefore need to unclutter your mind and get your swing thought broken down into a simple concept.

Consider this analogy. You have two projects around the house you want to do -- mow the yard and clean the garage. Can you do them both at the same time? Obviously, the answer is no. You will first complete one task and then proceed to the other. In other words, prioritize your swing thoughts and then work on them one at a time. You just can't execute multiple swing thoughts without something being lost in the process.

To make it easier to accomplish what I have just

discussed you must overcome the tendency of doing what many golfers do, and that is to concentrate solely on hitting the ball. For some this precludes everything else. As they are about to swing, their entire effort is directed toward "hit the ball!" Placing so much emphasis on the ball prevents them from focusing on where they really need to direct their attention, and that is their swing thought. I would therefore like to suggest that you not concentrate on hitting the ball. I know this sounds very contradictory, since the object of the game is to hit the ball. But let me explain. As previously mentioned, you cannot think about two things at the same time during the swing. So, if you are concentrating on hitting the ball, how then can you focus on your swing thought?

The only attention you give to the ball is your set up, making sure you are the right distance from the ball, and making certain you have the correct ball position. Once you have these established, eliminate the ball from your mind and concentrate fully

on your swing thought. I have seen many golfers improve dramatically when they quit thinking about the ball and learn to trust their swing. You will hit the ball simply because it gets in the way of the clubhead at impact.

Final thought: Get your mind off the ball and think about your swing thought! Try this the next time you are at the driving range. The results may surprise you!

I have a new teaching aid now available. It is a booklet entitled *Your Personal Guide to a Good Set Up*. If interested in the booklet or private golf lessons, Bob Gates can be contacted at (708) 425-8637 or (708) 857-2214.



Daley College Expo at Ford City Mall

Daley College will be holding a college expo at the Ford City Mall on Saturday, August 12th, announced Dr. Mark Warden, Beverly resident and Interim President of Daley College.

The Expo, which will be held in the Center Court of the Mall, will feature representatives from a range of departments: Liberal Arts/Transfer, Business, Child Development, Criminal Justice, Computer Information Systems, Manufacturing Technology, and Nursing, as well as college staff in financial aid and student services. There will be opportunities to sign up for testing and for orientation meetings at the college for fall semester enrollment. There will be

raffles and giveaways of college items, including sample packs for college bound students.

Registration is currently in progress for the fall semester, which begins August 28th. The fall schedule includes several hundred sections of courses in a wide range of fields. In computer information systems, the college is offering forty five sections of sixteen different courses, from introductory to

highly advanced courses. "Even before the Expo, students can come in and enroll ahead of the crowd," Warden noted. "We have counselors and faculty advisors on duty now, and there's still time to get the best choice of classes and times -- and apply for financial aid, if they need it. With the federal Hope Scholarship program, new students who don't qualify for regular financial aid can usually get a tax credit for the full amount of tuition."

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Seniors Ask: Questions on Medicaid

by Margo E. Schreiber

Question: A neighbor told me there were Medicaid changes that just went into effect, and I want to know about them. I'm 68, live alone and get by on very little income -- just enough to cover groceries and rent. I haven't had any medical problems as of yet, but worry that I can't "afford" to be ill.

Answer: Under federal law, anyone with disabilities or those age 65 or older may be eligible for a Medicaid MediPlan Card if they meet income eligibility and other requirements. The card pays for most medical needs and prescription drugs. Effective July 1, 2000, the Illinois General Assembly established new eligibility standards for this important program.

Our state's income eligibility standards had not changed in more than a decade due to budget constraints. After all, it is a very costly proposition when you're talking about covering medical and prescription drug expenses of more people.

So, what exactly changed? Well, before, one person could receive a MediPlan card if he or she was 65 or older and had an income of \$283 a month or less. That equated to about 41 percent of the federal poverty level -- or 41 percent of the amount the federal government considers you to be officially poor. Now you can receive the medical card

if you have an income a lot higher -- \$487 a month, which is 70 percent of the federal poverty level. Also, the eligibility levels in Illinois will keep rising under the plan passed by lawmakers. Beginning July 1, 2001 income eligibility will go up again -- to 85 percent of the federal poverty level. Then, July 1, 2002, it will finally catch up evenly to the official federal poverty level -- 100 percent.

The changes are going into effect incrementally simply because this is an incredibly expensive change, in fact, it will probably cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$60 million or more this first year alone. But, it is very, very good news for low income seniors because more are now eligible and more will become eligible in the next two years!

Probably the most important thing to know is that your own income can be deceiving. In other words, let's say you have about \$500 a month in income. You think, "Oh, well, I have too much to be eligible." Well, that may or may not be the case, because the worker who is trained to handle applications looks at "countable income." These workers look at the "whole picture" -- how many people live in your household, and other factors like assets. For example, for one person, a home and car

(under certain criteria) would be exempt, and the first \$2,000 on non exempt assets (such as money in a savings account) is disregarded. And, they even start the whole process by taking \$25 off your income, so that is an automatic bonus. Moreover, taxes and Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) are disregarded from earned income in determining eligibility.

So, you can see, even though there are strict rules, the state looks at your numbers with a different eye -- and to your advantage -- in each case. Again, eligibility is based on countable income, not gross income.

The change in eligibility levels also affects many people who have incomes a little higher than the set standards, who receive Medicaid assistance if they are "spend down" to a certain level. What that means is that if they spend (or are billed) a certain within a month on medical expenses, then the government will issue them a MediPlan card. In a fashion somewhat like insurance deductible, they must go through another "spend down" the next month in order to receive help again, based on their medical bills.

People in this unique category also benefit by the changes this summer and over the next few years. They will now either fully qualify for the

MediPlan card, or continue to "spend down," but they will "spend down" less. They will be able to spend down to say \$487, rather than \$283. That is, this year, they will spend down to 70 percent of the federal poverty level rather than the previous 41 percent.

For example, let's say you have \$532 monthly income. First, take off \$25 automatically. You now have \$507. Now, you need to spend about \$20 to get to \$487, whereas before July you had to spend \$224 before MediPlan took over.

A few notes about the change: It does not affect the people in long term care (income standards for Medicaid recipients in long term facilities are different and have not changed).

Just because someone receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) doesn't mean they have the MediPlan card.

Some widows and widowers who lose their SSI eligibility because of receiving Widow/Widower benefits under the Title II of the Social Security Act are eligible for medical benefits regardless of income.

For more information or applications, please call the Illinois Department of Human Services at 800-252-8635 or 800-447-6404 (TTY). Of course, you can also contact the Senior Helpline at 800-252-8966.

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For more information and reservations, contact the St. Francis Health Care Foundation Office at (708) 824-4810.



(NAPS)—A new way of coating the essentials for your home office including laptops, cellular phones and wood furniture, is insuring that "hard use" products retain their new look longer.

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Oak Lawn Public Library

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Library Displays for August 2000

The Oak Lawn Public Library will host two exhibits in their first floor community display cases throughout the month of August.

The Oak Lawn Camera Club will present photographs taken by their members. Patrick Conway, of Palos Heights, will share his collection of U.S. and foreign license plates, including early

Illinois plates from the 1910's and 1920's.

Individuals and local community groups interested in exhibiting special collections, activities and creative works at the library may pick up a display case application at the Reception Booth, first floor. Reservations are now being accepted for 2001.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, (708) 422-4990.

Library Board Meeting Date Changed

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees has changed their next monthly meeting date to Tuesday, August 22 at 7:00 p.m.

The Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are open to the public at the Oak Lawn

Public Library in the Oak Lawn Rotary Room, lower level.

Library Board members are: Lee Stein, president; Joann Buschbach, vice president; Shirley Barrett, secretary; Robert Honkisz, treasurer; Lois Gasteyer, Patricia Roberts and Marian Sullivan, trustees.

History is a distillation of rumor.

—Thomas Carlyle

Places to go, Videos to see

Use your library card as a boarding pass for a "video vacation" this summer!

The Audio Visual Department of the Oak Lawn Public Library has a collection of more than 350 travel videos that take armchair travelers and vacation planners to various domestic and international destinations.

Patrons, age 18 and up, can check out videos for two days using their valid library card. The cost is just 50 cents for Oak Lawn residents and \$1 non residents.

For additional information, call Audio Visual, (708) 422-4990.

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Rest Haven Central celebrates 40 years

Rest Haven Central (a non for profit nursing and rehabilitation Center, located at 13259 S. Central Avenue in Palos Heights) recently celebrated its 40th year of service. The gala celebration

was held outside Unit II on the newly renovated patio. Approximately 200 residents and friends came out to extend their good wishes. Peter Klein, Administrator, and department managers hosted

the event.

The evening began when the chaplain of Rest Haven Central, Rev. Harold Rust, opened the evening in prayer and dedication. Then Mr. Klein read a letter from Mayor Dean Koldenhoven of Palos Heights, and shared about a State of Illinois Senate Certificate of Recognition, which had been delivered by Senator Patrick O'Malley earlier that day.

The certificate was signed by Senator Patrick O'Malley, Senate President James "Pete" Philip, and Secretary of State, Jim Harry. State Representative Maggie Crotty was also in attendance, and toured the facility; viewing some of the remodeling that has recently taken place. Richard Schutt, Executive Director of Rest Haven Christian Services was there to welcome the guests. Also attending the event was Mr. Richard Mulder (the founder of Rest Haven).

Guests enjoyed an ice cream buffet, complete with all the trimmings. The Conventibles, a local barbershop quartet was there to entertain

the crowd as people met new friends, and rekindled friendships from the past.

Children of all ages enjoyed stopping in the Unit II dining room to get their picture sketched by a professional caricature artist.

Jo Stob set up a "Rest Haven Museum" in the rear lobby; exhibiting photographs and items of Rest Haven Central which was collected down through the years, and a reminder to us all, of God's faithfulness.

For more information about Rest Haven Central or to schedule a tour, contact John Evers, Community Relations Coordinator at (708) 239-4911. You may also visit their website at www.resthaven.com.

Turn It Down Then, Townsend:

(NAPS)—Loud noises can reduce your hearing, sometimes forever. Eh? The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences warns that continuous exposure to loud music or to occupational noise can cause permanent damage.

You can read about a rock star's 40 percent loss of hearing at http://www.fda.gov/opa/com/catalog/ots_ears.html.

For a free booklet of 20 environment-related health tips, "Your Environment Is Your Health," or the related "It's Your Scene, Teen," write NIEHS, EC-12, PO 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, or call 919/541-7860. Teachers may order up to 100. Or read NIEHS pamphlets at <http://www.niehs.nih.gov>.

New Local Service enables seniors to stay Home Instead

It used to be, when the elderly could no longer care for all their needs, there wasn't a choice. Sometimes, there still isn't. Nursing homes may be the only option. But now, there is Home Instead Senior Care, a new local company designed for the elderly who don't need constant care, but do need help with the laundry, meal preparation, light house keeping and companionship to remain in their homes.

Owned by Diane Quirk of Palos Heights, Home Instead Senior Care is a trusted source of affordable at-home companionship and home care services for the elderly. "We're delighted to serve our local community with this alternative care option that can help the elderly remain at home longer than they might otherwise," Quirk said.

The company provides 75 different services including companionship, meal preparation, incidental transportation, light housework, errands and shopping, and a variety of other non medical tasks all designed to help the elderly remain at home. Services are available from just a few hours a week to overnight or 24 hour care on a temporary or long term basis. Research shows

that more and more seniors want to remain independent. A survey (reported in American Demographics) by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and a five year research project by Friends Life Center at Home, a retirement community in Blue Bell, Pa., reveal a strong preference among the elderly to remain at home as long as possible. "Home Instead Senior Care works to accomplish that goal, helping people remain in the comfort of their own homes for much longer periods of time," Quirk said.

There are more than 25 million family caregivers in America, according to the National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA). American Demographics reports that women make up 73 percent of these caregivers. If you are a woman, you can expect to spend 18 years of your life helping an aging parent and 17 years caring for children. Approximately 90 percent of all women over age 18 will be caregivers of children or parents or both in their lives.

Home Instead Senior Care is an Omaha, Nebraska-based company that began franchising in 1995 to help

meet these needs. The company now has more than 249 franchises located in 40 states.

One on one services to the company's clients are performed by CAREGivers who are screened, bonded, insured, and who have successfully cleared criminal background checks. Special attention is given to matching CAREGivers with clients to achieve the utmost compatibility.

The Home Instead Senior Care Office is located at 11950 S. Harlem, Suite L-5 in Palos Heights. Call the company at (708) 671-2648 or visit their website at www.Homeinstead.com.



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Classes via the World Wide Web

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Moraine Valley will offer 22 classes via the World Wide Web this fall. Virtual College students discuss class material, interact with their instructor, and complete assignments using e-mail, the World Wide Web, and other Internet technology.

Virtual College courses offer flexibility and convenience for students, and are ideal for self-motivated students who can make a commitment to completing work outside the of class.

Spring Virtual College classes will include Introduction to Business, Principles of Management, Composition I, Composition II, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, American History I, Introduction to PC Applications, LAN Technologies, Introduction to Travel and Tourism, Developmental Math, Beginning Algebra with Geometry, Quantitative Literacy,

Moraine Valley Community College Appointments

Tina Stovall has been appointed Dean of Counseling, Advising, and Minority Affairs at Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills. Dr. Stovall previously served as director of Counseling at Lake Land College, Mattoon, Illinois, where she also taught a student success class. She earned an Ed.D. in community college leadership, an M.S. Ed. in guidance and counseling, a B.A. in psychology, and an A.A. in general studies.

Lynn Harrington has been

Probability and Statistics, Music Appreciation, Management, Office Systems and Administration, Introduction to Psychology, Child Psychology, Principles of Radiographic Exposure, and General Sociology.

The first class session of each Virtual College course will take place on Moraine Valley's campus. Instructors will provide additional information regarding on campus sessions and give directions for online access to course materials.

Virtual College students who choose to participate in class from off campus locations must meet certain minimum personal computer literacy and technical requirements, including Internet connection, Windows 95 or 98 and Internet Explorer 4.0, and a minimum of 16 MEG of RAM.

For more information about Moraine Valley's Virtual College courses or a complete list of technical requirements, call the college's Alternative Learning Department at (708) 974-5710.

appointed director of Human Resources. She was acting director for Moraine Valley. She has been with Moraine Valley's Human Resources department since 1992. Harrington holds a B.S. in business administration and an M.S. in management and organizational behavior.

James Polo has been appointed dean of Student Support Services at Moraine Valley. He was associate dean of Student Support Services. Polo earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and a

Directed Study Classes

As an alternative to traditional classroom education, Moraine Valley Community College will offer several Directed Study classes this fall.

Directed Study courses provide a combination of classroom and independent study for self motivated students who can make a commitment to completing work outside of class. Students enrolled in Directed Study classes meet weekly or an alternate weeks in mandatory classes and devote a large amount of the time outside of class to homework, library assignments, and instructor conferences.

For more information about Directed Study courses, call the college's Alternative Learning Department at (708) 974-5710. Fall semester classes begin the week of August 21.

master's degree in human relations services.

Joann Wright has been named assistant dean of New Student Retention at Moraine Valley. She previously served as academic advisor. She is completing doctoral work in executive community college leadership. She earned a master's degree in education administration and a bachelor's degree in psychology. She also has an associate of arts degree from Moraine Valley.



Joann Wright

Telecourse Classes

Moraine Valley Community College will offer several telecourses this fall. Telecourses offer flexibility and convenience for students by providing classes on video. Individuals attend a limited number of class meetings, set up their own study hours, and work at their own pace while earning college credit.

Students enrolled in telecourses can check out videotapes from the college's Robert E. Turner Learning Resources Center, as well as public libraries in Alsip, Blue Island, Bridgeview, Burbank, Calumet Park, Crestwood, Justice, Orland Park, and Robbins.

For more information about telecourses, call the college's Alternative Learning Department at (708) 974-5710. Fall semester courses begin the week of August 21. The deadline to register for telecourses is Sept. 10.

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Tina Stovall



James Polo

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Chairing the event is Parish Council member Charles Webster, who together with the enthusiasm of the various parish organizations will make this year's Greek Fest an unforgettable celebration of fellowship, food, and fun

Proceeds of Greek Fest 2000 will benefit the operating expenses and numerous ministries of the parish as well as off set the rising cost of supporting the community's Adamantios Korais Elementary School.

The reverend clergy Fr. Byronn Papanikolaou and Fr. Nicholas Jonas, extend to all a warm welcome to join in the festivities. For more information, please contact the church office at (708) 974-3400.

Do not be afraid of the past. If people tell you that it is irrevocable, do not believe them.

—Oscar Wilde

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Military News

Moraine Valley nursing students among best, brightest

Anthony, P. Massett has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. The cadet is one of 927 classmates of the academy's Class of 2000.

He received a degree in aeronautical engineer and is scheduled to attend undergraduate pilot training. Massett is the son of Henry J. and Melle M. Massett of Evergreen Park. Anthony is also a 1996 graduate of Evergreen Park Community High School.

Ryan B. Roach has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. The cadet is one of 927 classmates of the academy's Class of 2000.

Roach is the son of R. Bradley and Debbie J. Roach of Oak Lawn. Ryan is also a 1996 graduate of Richards High School.

Air Force Airman Raquel S. Musial has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Musial is the daughter of Mary J. and Joseph Parra of Chicago, Ill. She is also a 1999 graduate of Immaculate Heart of Mary High School, Weshchester.

Air Force Airman Jeremy R. Jurczak has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Jurczak is the son of Henry A. and Suzanne M. Jurczak of Burbank, Ill. The airman is a 1999 graduate of St. Laurence High School, Burbank.

Performance Award

Sr. Mary Ventura, Director of Essential Learning Solutions Program at St. Bernadette School, attended the International Learning Solutions Conference in Bloomington. She received the Performance Award in recognition of her positive influence in the lives of students who struggle academically. The program serves students from kindergarten through college and has a 95 percent success rate.

Air Force Col. Johnnie H. Wauchop has retired from the U.S. Air Force after 27 years of military service. Prior to retiring, Wauchop was the deputy group commander of 352nd Special Operations Group at RAF Mildenhall, Cambridge, England.

He is the brother of Pamela Kosmos of Evergreen Park. The colonel graduated in 1969 from Gage Park High School in Chicago and received a bachelor's degree in 1973 from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He earned a master's degree in 1980 from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Esequiel M. King has graduated from the utilities systems apprentice course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas.

King is the son of Esequiel and Roberta J. King of Oak Lawn. The airman is a 1999 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

Air Force Airman John Zorbas has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Zorbas is the son of Effie Zorbas and John Hatzitheodorou of Burbank, Ill. The airman is a 1999 graduate of Lincoln's Challenge, Rantoul, Ill.

Marquette Students named to Honors Program

Paul Trickle, an incoming freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences, from Oak Lawn, has been named to the Marquette University Honors Program.

The Honors Program enrolls approximately 65 freshman students into the program in the fall semester. Admission into this program is done through a selection process based on high school achievement, standardized test scores, class rank, recommendations and essays.

Honors students will take special courses in History, English, Philosophy, and Theology.

Two Palos Hills women found what they were looking for at Moraine Valley Community College: The opportunity to pursue an associate degree in nursing in a program with an "excellent" reputation and a college with a history of launching nursing program graduates into careers in hospitals and other health care settings.

"I have been in the program for a year and it's a great program," said student Michelle Colalis. "I would recommend it to a lot of people. Moraine Valley has been a great atmosphere."

Michelle is an electrician seeking a new career and her sister, Carrie Sue Colalis, is a single mother who had been

the director of an international pediatrics cooperative at Hope Children's Hospital. Both students have captured the attention of their professor because of their work in the classroom and laboratory and their bedside manner.

These sisters are expected to join the high percentage of Moraine Valley nursing graduates who pass the state boards. In the December session of the state board exam, 100 percent of Moraine Valley graduates passed the test, according to Margaret Machon, director of Health Sciences.

In addition to the fine reputation the program enjoys in the community, students are drawn to the

program because of the opportunity to earn a degree in just two years. Each semester for the past 20 years at Moraine Valley, the nursing program has admitted 50 students and put many more on a waiting list.

Including fall applicants, there are about 170 students in the program. Another 25 or 30 students are working to complete the prerequisite courses to join the program in the spring or next fall. Applicants have already begun to apply for spring and fall of the year 2001.

Job prospects in nursing are good. "The demand for registered nurses now is higher than it ever has been," said Machon.

Students receive awards from Moraine Valley

Moraine Valley Community College student Jennifer Szostak of Palos Park receives the State of Illinois Merit Recognition Scholarship from President Vernon O. Crawley (right) and Trustee Thomas Sullivan at an April 26 ceremony on campus.



Amanda Rzendzian of Palos Hills receives the Moraine Valley Community College Award of Excellence from President Vernon O. Crawley (right) and John J. Daley, chairman of the college Board of Trustees at a ceremony April 26 on campus.

CONSUMER CORNER

More Power To You: Tips On Enduring Power Outages

(NAPS)—By planning ahead, there are a number of ways to increase comfort and reduce the inconvenience caused by power outages due to severe weather, such as heat waves



By taking a few simple steps, consumers can reduce the inconvenience caused by power outages.

Good News Department

New Way To Help Youth

(NAPS)—An entertaining attempt to show young people the dangers of drugs is getting praise from interesting places.

The original idea belonged to teacher-actress Sunna Rasch. She created plays to promote social issues relevant to young lives.



General Barry McCaffrey presents Sunna Rasch with ONDCP's Special Recognition Award for the anti-drug play her Periwinkle National Theatre shows to teenagers.

The troupe's most famous work is a substance abuse prevention drama called *Halfway There*. It has been recognized by the Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy. Also, the American Alliance for Theatre and Education presented Periwinkle with a national award—the 2000 Sara Spencer Artistic Achievement Award for "meritorious achievement in the field of theatre for young audiences."

The nonprofit Periwinkle Productions offers performances and workshops for all age levels from kindergarten to senior high.

The work is said to exemplify arts-in-education. Performed by professional multicultural actors, Periwinkle programs are endorsed by educators, lawmakers and parents alike. You can learn more about Periwinkle National Theatre by calling the producers at 800-888-8271.

Saving for Retirement is a Family Affair

It pays to be married. At least it pays more now that the Internal Revenue Service has changed an IRA rule. Beginning in 1998, the maximum annual Individual Retirement Account (IRA) contribution for married couples who file joint returns is \$4,000, up from \$2,250 in 1996. Total contributions cannot exceed combined earned income. Even if one of you has no income during the year, a maximum of \$2,000 can still be invested in each person's IRA every year.

This important change in the tax code was enacted in 1997 by Congress to help encourage people to actively save for retirement regardless of whether one or both adults in the family work outside the home.

Putting away money now for one's golden years is vital. And in a marriage the earnings must cover two retirees not just the ex-wage earner. The new IRA ruling makes room for the couple to build a bigger nest egg where there was only one primary wage earner. Equally important is taking advantage of opportunities to reap the most from savings strategies. IRAs, because of their unique tax status, offer that advantage through tax deferral. IRAs are among the few accounts available that are tax deferred, that is, the gains on any investments made in the account can accumulate free from taxes

until money is withdrawn from the account. (Because IRAs are designed for retirement savings there are, with very few exceptions, penalties for withdrawing funds before age 59 1/2; withdrawals are subject to ordinary income tax.)

This tax deferred status really puts time on your side, thanks to the effects of compounding. With no capital gains taxes to pay, more money stays in your accounts, so more is available to invest and continue to grow.

Just how important is compounding? Let's suppose you and your spouse are 36 years old and you opt to take full advantage of the IRA and Spousal IRA with \$2,000 contributions in each account (for a total annual contribution of \$4,000). Assuming a 10% annual return, which is the average nominal return on equities since World War II, as represented by the Standard and Poor's 500, you and your spouse will have \$650,000 at age 65. That same savings strategy without the 10% return would yield the two of you only \$250,000 at age 65. This is a hypothetical example provided for informational purposes only. It is not intended to represent any specific investment nor is it indicative of future performance. Individuals cannot directly purchase an index. An investment in the stock market should be

made with an understanding of the risks associated with common stocks, including market fluctuations.

Another advantage IRAs offer to many people is tax deductibility of contributions. Depending on your adjusted gross income, all or some of your contributions may be deducted directly from your tax bill. There are strict income/deduction limits though, so be sure to check with a qualified tax advisor to see if you qualify for this feature of the IRA, since Prudential Securities is not a tax advisor.

Whether or not you can deduct your contribution, using IRA and Spousal IRA to get going on retirement savings plans can be a good idea. And when it comes to investing the funds in your IRA, your choices are virtually unlimited if your account is held at full service financial institution. In general, the higher the potential rate of return on an investment, the higher the risk.

Reaching your retirement savings goal may take some time, but taking advantage of tax-smart opportunities for you and your spouse - such as the IRA and Spousal IRA - will help get you on the road to a comfortable retirement.

Prudential Securities, 15255 S. 94th Ave. 1st Floor, Orland Park, (708) 873-3084.



Four Brother Rice Seniors named Evans Scholars

Brother Rice High School seniors (from left) Steven Hall of Chicago Ridge, Christopher Moskaites of Oak Lawn, Joseph Sea of Crestwood and Jonathan Moskaites of Oak Lawn have been awarded Chck Evans Scholarships. The scholarships are based on high school grades, financial need, moral character, and record as a golf cadet. The award covers tuition and housing for one year, and may be renewed for a total of four years by meeting the standards of the Evans Scholarship Program. Hall will attend Marquette University, the Moskaites Brothers will attend Northwestern University, and Sea will attend Miami of Ohio University.

There are four of approximately 200 winners of Evans Scholarships this year, and will become part of 850 Evans Scholars on campuses next fall. There are more than 7,000 who have graduated from college as Evans Scholars since the award was first made in 1930. The scholarships are supported by the financial contributions of the 100,000 golfers who contributed to the Evans Scholar Foundation.

Water Safety

Getting Your Feet Wet

(NAPS)—Getting into the water can be more than just good exercise; it could also be a lifesaver. But when you venture into the waves, remember: safety first.

Here are some water safety tips from lifeguards who have competed in the Foster's Lager National Lifeguard Championships:

- Learn to swim. It's fun and it could save your life.
 - Never swim alone; always swim with a buddy, preferably near a staffed lifeguard tower.
 - Know your swimming limits and stay within them.
 - Be mindful of weaker swimmers—if they appear tired, encourage them to rest on land.
 - Don't drink before swimming. Alcohol impairs your balance, coordination and judgment.
 - Never dive into unknown waters or into shallow breaking waves. Obey "No Diving" signs. Enter the water feet first to know the depth.
 - Do not eat or chew gum while swimming. You could choke.
 - Beware of the "terrible twos"—too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun, too much strenuous activity.
 - Use sunscreen because sunburns are dangerous and you need to minimize mid-day exposure.
 - Learn CPR.
- The Foster's Lager National Lifeguard Championships are a culmination of eight regional events held throughout the U.S. every year. Over 1,200 professional lifeguards compete for the title of Nation's Best.



Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau sponsors Sertoma Center Programs

The Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau presented a \$804 sponsorship check to Sertoma Center to assist the organization in their job training services for adults with disabilities. Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau President/CEO Jim Garrett (left), presented the check to Sertoma Center Executive Director Gus van den Brink at the organization's new job training facility and offices, located at 4100 W. 127th Street in Alsip. The sponsorship was a portion of the proceeds from a silent auction held at the Bureau on National Tourism, May 10.

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Facts on Aging

1. About one out of eight (12.7%) Americans is age 65 or older, and that figure will increase to one in five by the year 2030. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau)
2. America's elderly are getting older. In 1999, the 65-74 population is 8 times larger than in 1900; the 75-84 group is 17 times larger and the 85 and over group is 33 times larger. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1999)
3. The numbers of U.S. seniors living alone will increase by 21% to 12 million people by the year 2010. (Source: Pro Matura Group)
4. Male seniors in America who reach age 65 have a life expectancy of 15-16 more years. For women, the figure is 17 more years. (Source: National Institute on Aging)
5. 77 million baby boomers will retire in the next 30 years. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau)
6. The numbers of seniors in America will increase by 75% between 2010 and 2030. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau) ■

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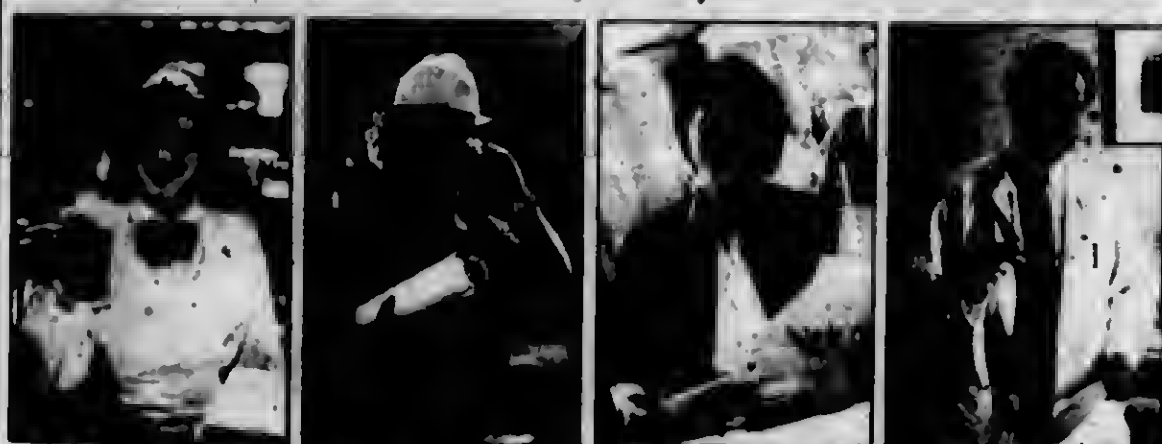
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Noise committee incompatible to residents

By Rick Techman

Incompatible attempts at relief from jet noise consumed the members of the Midway Noise Compatibility

Committee at their July 28 meeting on Midway Airport. Though the committee insisted their attempts at noise relief for the communities around Midway Airport were all the current budget would allow, angry homeowners demanded a second look be given to soundproofing homes.

Most committee members suggested the addition of further sound walls around the airport itself would serve as an effective and affordable deterrent to local jet noise. The committee actually began investigating the construction of more sound walls and had a complete presentation showing present installations and the location of potential new construction.

Beside sound wall research, further items for discussion included the topic of a voluntary nighttime airline curfew at the airport.

Resident Committee Member Marius "Scotty" Gallagher said, "These aircraft are operating between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

"We had an agreement," he added, "years ago. They said they would have a voluntary curfew from 11:00 at night until 6:00 in the morning. These are major aircraft," he also said, "that are taking off now. They're not even trying," he concluded, "to limit the flights after 11:00 at night until 6:00 in the morning."

When committee officers explained they had never heard of this agreement, Gallagher said it was made with the old Part 150 Study. The officers responded by explaining the 150 study preceded the Midway Noise Compatibility Committee by several years and the airlines were no longer held to that agreement.

Gallagher also raised the issue at the meeting about taking Passenger Facility Charges from O'Hare Airport and spending them on

soundproofing homes around Midway. But again the committee explained Midway area residents would have to get funding for soundproofing from Midway Airport.

They said funds from O'Hare must remain with O'Hare. The committee said nationally residents living around smaller airports must search for alternative financing when their airport does not provide the revenue residents see near the bigger airfields.



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Airlines expand at Midway

By Rick Techman

Growth at Midway Airport lead to the purchase of more Boeing 737 jet aircraft, with the quieter stage three engines, by at least two major airlines at that field this year.

Both Southwest Airlines, who has been at Midway for at least 15 years, and America Trans Air, who is a more recent

resident, have purchased passenger jets in preparation for the continued expansion at Midway. These new aircraft will compliment their current fleets and will be delivered over the course of the next several years.

A spokesman for Southwest airlines said, "We have the utmost confidence in the future of Southwest Airlines

predicated upon the strength of the public's desire for more low fares with exceptional customer service. This should reassure America," he added, "that Southwest Airlines will continue to expand its low-fare influence across the country."

The spokesman also added the new engines on the 737's being purchased by Southwest will provide ten percent greater thrust than their predecessors while meeting noise standards somewhat below Stage Three standards. Reduced emission levels, lower maintenance costs and lower fuel burn also highlight the capabilities of the new engine.

A spokesman for ATA said, "The ATA 757 with the new Rolls-Royce engine will be the largest aircraft capable of being used at Midway Airport." He added, "We expect it to be a key part of ATA's expansion at the newly renovated Midway Airport over the next several years."

According to the spokesman, ATA will begin taking delivery of the aircraft in the second quarter of 2001 and complete this 47 airplane phase-in by the first quarter of 2003.

Taste of Midway

St. Camillus Parish presents its annual "Taste of Midway" beginning Wednesday, August 2nd through Sunday, August 6th on the parish grounds at 55th Street and Lorel Ave.

This year, courtesy of the Department of Aviation and Standard Parking, free parking will be available in the Midway Airport economy lot 55th St. for all "Taste of Midway" partons. To qualify for free parking, tickets must be validated at the Parish Raffle Booth.

Featured during the Fest will be some of Chicago's finest restaurants, a giant beer garden, and carnival rides for both young and old. Also featured will be jar games, pull tabs, daily Bingo, a Casino, and many, many more surprises.

Live entertainment will be featured in the Beer Garden. On Wednesday -- Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones, Thursday -- The Orient, Friday -- Rick "Elvis" Saucedo, Saturday -- The Next Step with Gennie O at 1 pm, a performance by the Students of Darla's School of Dance at 6 pm followed by The Flap Jacks at 7:30 pm, Sunday -- Stas Bulanda's Dyno Chicago at 1pm followed by The Mirrors at 6 pm. The Chet &

Delores Schafer Polka Show will broadcast from the parish grounds on Sunday afternoon at 1 pm over WCEV-1450 AM.

The Parish Super Raffle, with a 1st prize of \$10,000, 2nd prize of \$5,000, 3rd prize of \$2,000, 4th through 7th prizes of \$500 and 8th through 11th prizes of \$250 will be held on Sunday night. Tickets are \$20.00.

An "Unlimited Ride" Special for \$12.00 is available on Thursday, August 3rd from 6 pm to closing, and on Saturday and Sunday, August 5th and 6th from 1 pm to 5 pm.

Sponsors for this year's "Taste of Midway" are Budweiser, Carmen's Bicycle Shop, Fantasy Amusement Co., and Southwest Airlines.

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Worth Board discusses changing their meeting night

by Jude Coyle

At the July 18, 2000 Village of Worth Committee Meeting, Village President James Bilder recommended conducting the Village Board committee and regular meetings on different nights. The committee meeting would be the first and third Mondays of each month, while regular board meetings and executive sessions would take place the following Tuesday. Bilder called their current practise, having both meetings on the same nights, outdated. He cited the following reasons; that residents would have the opportunity to discuss their problems two more times each month; that the attorney wouldn't be present during the committee meetings, thus saving the Village money; and that the committee, board and possible executive session later, make a very long night.

Trustee John O'Connell reminded President Bilder, that as a member of the Worth Lions Club, he is well aware that O'Connell, who is acting president, and Trustee Ed Guzdziol, secretary, are tied up 3 Mondays each month. Mayor Bilder responded that the trustees now had to make tough decisions.

Trustee Sharon Wierenga has been working on her Doctorate. Her

internship for family counselling will take place on Mondays. Bilder commented that she had missed meetings before because of school. Yes, she said, two in 3 years. She pointed out that the regular meetings usually last between ten and 20 minutes, and only the reporters remain.

Trustees Frank Bonham and Georgia Duffy liked the idea. Her day begins at 5 a.m. and she is tired after the regular meeting. She questioned the wisdom of decisions made at late executive sessions. Bonham suggested another night, but negotiations were unsuccessful. He pointed out that it is the committee meeting where disagreements are hammered out. If three trustees can't attend the committee meeting, they will be forced to discuss issues again at the regular meetings.

After the committee meeting, residents expressed concern about meetings where only 1/2 of the trustees will hear their opinions.

When the item came up for vote at the regular board meeting, it fell along the usual lines. Wierenga, O'Connell and Guzdziol voted no, while Bonham, Meany, and Duffy voted yes. Mayor Bilder, as usual, broke the tie by voting for the meeting split.



St. Coletta's Luck 'O the Duck Pluck at Friendship Festival

Mayor Bennett and St. Coletta's Quacky the Duck enjoy the Palos Hills Friendship Festival in anticipation for the Luck 'O the Duck "pluck."

It was an exciting day for spectators who witnessed the St. Coletta's Luck 'O the Duck "pluck" Sunday, July 9th, at the Palos Hills Friendship Festival. Spectators and supporters stood in anticipation as Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills and Palos Bank and Trust President, Greg Paetow plucked the lucky winners of this year's Luck 'O the Duck "pluck."

At approximately 8 pm, 4,000 ducks were placed into an onsite tub, where seven lucky ducks were plucked. All of the prizes for this year's pluck were cash, ranging from \$50 to \$5,000.

Center. There will be a book review on Tom Brokaw's book, "Generations Gone By." Refreshments will be served. Call (708) 371-2900 for information.

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Metropolitan Water Reclamation District receives a Certificate of Achievement

An award was recently presented by the Executive Director of the Government Finance Officers Association, Jeffrey L. Esser. Receiving the award on behalf of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, is Commissioner Gloria Alitto Majewski, who is also Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Executive Director Jeffrey L. Esser stated that "this

Certificate of Achievement is presented for excellence in financial reporting." The award is presented annually by the GFOA, a national organization with membership of more than 13,000 units of local government in the United States and Canada.

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of M.W.R.D., was quoted as saying that "the District has received this award for some 24 years." O'Brien concluded by saying that "these financial reports must be high quality and meet a rigorous test of standards developed by the GFOA over the last 50 years."



Gloria Majewski receives award on behalf of Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

Executive Director of the Government Finance Officers Association Jeffrey Esser presents the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Commissioner Gloria Majewski, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Worth Township Senior Citizens Organization

The Worth Township Seniors will be having a trip "Pride of Oregon," a Paddlewheel cruise on the Rock River on August 16,

2000. This includes lunch on the boat. We leave from the Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski at 8:15 and return at 4:15. Call for reservations at (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

The next General Meeting for Seniors of Worth Township will be on Friday, August 4th, 2000, at 1 pm in the Gym of the Worth Township

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Rick Ryan, Evergreen Park, democratic candidate for State Senate in the 18th District with supporter Jane Powers, village clerk, Oak Lawn.

Senior Citizen Prescription Drug Discount Program Key Election Issue

"Public support for this measure is enormous," State Senate candidate Rick Ryan (D-18) said at a news conference with U.S. Senator Richard Durbin. Durbin and Ryan voiced their support for the Senior Prescription Drug Discount Program.

The measure is designed to help moderate income senior citizens who don't have insurance for the prescription drugs they need to maintain their health and in some cases, their lives. "I am glad that Illinois senior citizens made this part of their agenda for the fall," Ryan said. Several senior citizens joined the Senator and Ryan at the event to show their support for their proposal.

"In a price survey done on 23 randomly selected pharmacies in Chicago," Ryan said, for the top 10 prescription drugs used by seniors to treat a variety of illnesses, seniors in Chicago paid between 45 percent and 225 percent more." The survey was done by the national consumer group, Public Citizen and Metro Seniors in Action. The retail price was com-

pared to the federal General Accounting Office, the best federal price is equivalent to the price pharmaceutical manufacturers charge their most favored customers. "Many senior citizens today without health insurance coverage for prescription are experiencing a health care crisis. This is an incubator to begin the nationwide movement to add a prescription drug discount program to Medicare," Durbin said.

"Middle income senior citizens are forced to make the choice between life saving medication and their monthly utility bill. With the Senior Citizen Prescription Drug Discount Program, we have the opportunity to offer a program that would eliminate that quality of life choice," Durbin.

The Commonwealth Fund study, "Prescription Drug Costs for Medicare Beneficiaries: Coverage and Health Status Matter," found that: * 47 percent of all senior citizens in Illinois had no drug coverage at some point during the year. 28 percent had no coverage all year and 19 percent had no coverage part

of the year. * Four out of 10 seniors had no current drug coverage. * The average senior citizen pays 46 percent of their bill for prescription drugs out of pocket. Even seniors with prescription drug coverage paid 26 percent of their prescription costs. Ryan said the legislation would provide seniors with a discount program in which they would pay an annual fee of \$25. In return, costs for prescription drugs would be cut by as much as 40 percent. "There is no cost to the state. It assists senior citizens with quality of life choices."

Ryan's opponent, State Senator Patrick O'Malley, is a member of the Senate Insurance Committee, and could have used this influence to support the legislation. O'Malley took over \$48,000 from the insurance lobby according to campaign reports filed with the State Board of Elections.

The measure passed the Illinois House this spring. Senate Democrats and hundreds of senior citizens lobbied for the bill to be voted on in early April, however, it was voted down in the Senate.

Evergreen Park addresses traffic problems

by: Jude Coyle

Once again, residents asked the Evergreen Park Village Board and the Evergreen Park Traffic Commission to approve the installation of stop signs or barriers, this time at the intersections of 90th and Washinaw, 91st and Harding, and 94th and Troy. Residents are experiencing problems caused by motorists looking for shortcuts and turning off of main streets. Several serious accidents have occurred at those corners. With school approaching quickly, Trustees felt it necessary to install signs as soon as possible.

According to Mayor Anthony Vacco, traffic has increased dramatically. He cited two accidents occurring a few days before the August 7, Village Board Meeting. A vehicle flipped over on 95th Street, and three cars collided on 91st Street.

Trustee Carol Kyle says she would do anything to insure the safety of the citizens of Evergreen Park, and because of that, meeting after meeting, voted to approve requests for stop signs. She and Trustee Norbert Smith have discussed this, and are beginning to wonder if the installation of one sign after another, is causing more serious problems. For that reason, Trustee Kyle moved to employ a professional to complete a traffic pattern survey.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion.

A discussion concerning placing traffic devices at bad corners in an effort to experiment with the affects on traffic flows followed. Trustee Mark Marzullo felt that it would be wasteful to construct a barrier or raise a sign only to have the professionals recommend placing them elsewhere. Again Trustee Kyle pointed out that safety is the all important issue. It might be months before the job is completed, and something has to be done now. She would rather spend the money on devices, even if tearing them up later becomes necessary.

Village Clerk Jim Sexton commented that a study hasn't been done in Evergreen Park since 1967. He will be responsible for soliciting bids. He plans to call officials at Northwestern University Traffic Institute and ask for recommendations. The Police Department has sent officers to their training facility for years.

According to Kyle the Traffic Safety Commission has done an excellent job over the years.

Also of note, the Village received word from Cook County that their application for a Block Grant to improve the lighting on Kedzie between 91st and the Canadian National tracks was approved. The County will pick of \$12,000, while E.P. will pay \$15,500.

The Village has re-

ceived authorization to lay pipes under the CSX tracks at 91st Street. They will replace the water main between Rockwell and Western.

Two bids were awarded. The first project was the 91st Street sanitary sewer extension. DiFogio and Sons bid \$62,735. The other project was awarded to F&G Construction for \$77,689.25. They will resurface Rockwell from 91st to 87th. This is for resurfacing only. The Public Works Department will build a catch basin on Rockwell, and make other adjustments.

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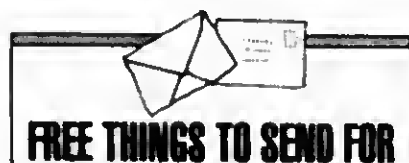
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Unprecedented threat used to force end to Libel Action

Fort Erie, Ontario: In an unprecedented move, the Vatican is forcing a Canadian Catholic priest to drop his libel suit against another cleric by illicitly threatening him with the rare and extraordinary punishment of excommunication.

Father Nicholas Gruner, who leads the Fort Erie based Fatima Center, has offered to withdraw his libel action against Monsignor Alan McCormack, now based in Cardinal Ratzinger's Congregation in Rome, provided the unwarranted threat of excommunication is withdrawn together with certain guarantees.

Coralie Graham, a Director of the Apostolate headed by Father Gruner was incredulous: "I am speechless at this abuse of authority. Excommunication is for heretics and abortionists. This is a clear cut abuse of Church authority in order to engage in a coverup. But what is a person to do when politicians close to the Pope are the ones pulling the puppet strings?"

Father Gruner's civil suit seeks a retraction of public statements made in 1990 by Msgr. McCormack, then an official of the Archdiocese of Toronto, challenging Father Gruner's status as a Catholic priest.

Excommunication, which formally severs all connections between an individual and the Catholic Church, is a punishment normally applied only to persons guilty of grave moral or

theological offenses, such as the persistent preaching heresy.

Since this penalty effectively terminates a priest's career, it is very rarely used. Hundreds of priests convicted in civil courts of serious sexual and financial crimes in recent decades have been spared this punishment, as have prominent theologians, such as Hans Kung, whose published views are notoriously contrary to Catholic teaching.

Father Gruner has never been canonically accused of any offense whatsoever against the Catholic Faith, Catholic morals, or Canon Law.

The excommunication threat was made in a letter (dated June 5, 2000 and delivered by two messengers to Fort Erie on June 21) from Dario Cardinal Hoyos, who heads the Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy in Rome. Catholic moral theology and Canon Law allows Father Gruner to sue in civil court for libel if other avenues of defending his good name are exhausted.

In any case, Canon Law does not provide for the penalty of excommunication for such a civil suit. Nevertheless, according to a Vatican official, the letter bluntly warned Father Gruner that failure to withdraw his libel suit "would provoke additional canonical procedures against him, up to and including the penalty of excommunication." Since Father Gruner

was attacked in print a decade ago by Monsignor McCormack, Father Gruner has made several unsuccessful attempts to reach an out of court settlement. The Toronto Archdiocese's only response was an attempt to have the suit dismissed, claiming that the Church's internal court was a more appropriate forum for resolving the matter.

In view of the excommunication threat, Father Gruner has now requested a meeting and direct negotiations with Vatican officials, including Hoyos. At the same time, Father Gruner requested an adjournment of the libel trial in order to accommodate the requested meetings at the Vatican, which may take many weeks to arrange.

Earlier this year, Justice Gloria Epstein of the Ontario Superior Court ruled that the case "can and should be resolved in this court," since the Church's internal dispute resolution process does not provide for the awarding of damages, and lacks a mechanism for enforcing such awards.

Father Gruner's organization publishes a quarterly magazine "The Fatima Crusader," with over one million readers in Canada and the United States. It promotes traditional Catholic teachings and devotions, and has attracted strong opposition from Fatima skeptics in the Vatican bureaucracy. Notably, the same Cardinal Ratzinger, (whose

Vatican office employs McCormack), mentioned Father Gruner by name in his press conference of June 26 regarding the Third Secret, and suggested that Father Gruner was in a state of anxiety. "It must be because Cardinal Ratzinger knew of Cardinal Hoyos' threat of excommunication. I am not now suffering, nor was I suffering on June 26, from any state of anxiety. The excommunication threat has no basis in Church law and my mind is at peace. I don't know what else Cardinal Ratzinger could be referring to. His choice of the word "anxiety" is surely no coincidence," said Father Gruner.

Since both European and North American press have sought the benefit of Father Gruner's and the "Fatima Center's" extensive research on the Third Secret, it may be that there is more to this excommunication threat than meets the eye.

It appears that this is an attempt to silence the "Fatima Center" from revealing to the world all it knows about the Third Secret Independent of the Vatican and in particular, the news that clearly contradicts the Vatican "spin" on the Third Secret.

The suit is currently scheduled for trial August 28, 2000 in Toronto, Canada.

NAMI Southwest's Fall Banquet

NAMI Southwest, a local affiliate of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill based in Oak Lawn, will be hosting their fall banquet on Friday, September 15, at 6:30 p.m. The theme is "Family Harvest Hoe Down" and will be held at the Oak Lawn Elks Club at 107th and Central in Oak Lawn.

NAMI Southwest president Anne Cappuzzello of Palos Hills invites families to put on their 10 gallon hats and their denim overalls and come out for an evening of country fun. Tickets are \$25 each for adults, \$12.50 for children ages 7-12, \$5 for children ages 2-6 and under 2 are free. Dinner will feature country baked chicken and barbecued ribs and entertainment for the evening will be square dancing with a professional caller.

Two raffles, a grand one (available to the public) with spectacular prizes donated by local businesses and a special

one (this one you must be present to win) are planned. To purchase dinner and/or raffle tickets, phone board member Laura Vande Werken at (708) 422-6428. Grand raffle prizes offered are: 2 round trip airline tickets to anywhere in the continental USA from ATA Airlines,

\$500 of Shell Gasoline from Lydia Healthcare in Robbins, 25" Stereo TV and 4 Head VCR from TCF Bank of Burr Ridge, a TGIF Plus Getaway Weekend Package from the Oak Lawn Hilton, an Overnight Bed and Breakfast Package for Two from the Radisson Hotel in Alsip, a Sega Dreamcast game system with steering wheel controller for racing games from Old Kent Bank in Oak Lawn,

and a handmade afghan from board member Cora Shanahan of Bridgeview.

All proceeds of this event benefit NAMI Southwest activities. These activities include educational speakers/videos, support groups for mentally ill persons their families, social activities, an informative newsletter, and advocacy for legal issues, healthcare, housing, and ending employment discrimination and stigma.



NAMI Southwest president Anne Cappuzzello.

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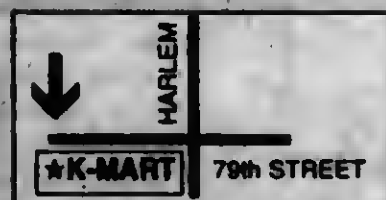
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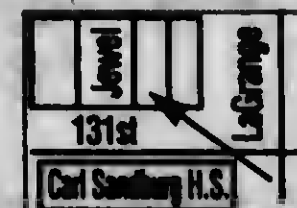


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New O'Hare landing experiment an unwelcome ghost from Airport's past

The "limited" test of a "stacked" aircraft landing plan at O'Hare Airport is simply a stealth version of a controversial and more ambitious proposal that appeared to have been shelved two years ago, officials of the Suburban O'Hare Commission said today.

The so called Compressed Arrival Procedures, which according to a news report is undergoing a test on one of O'Hare's runway approaches, appears to be a piecemeal version of the Chicago Terminal Airspace Project (CTAP) that raised serious safety, environmental and capacity problems in 1998, said John Geils, SOC Chairman.

A key feature of both the old and new plans is the "piggy-backing" of planes, flying at altitudes of only 1,000 feet difference, beginning at "gates" 60 miles out from the airport. As they approach the airport, they are separated into separated landing patterns. The idea of "stacking" airplanes is to eliminate the single file approach that aviation officials believe adds to the delays that are plaguing O'Hare.

"Maybe they think we have short memories, or are intellectually challenged,"

Geils said. "But this new version has all the markings of the same plan that they tried to palm off on the region on short notice in 1998. Without hearing anything more about it for two years, we find that it's suddenly back and supposedly less threatening version.

"The Federal Aviation Administration now seems to be adopting the same tactics as the city of Chicago, by trying to jam more air traffic into an already overcrowded airport on an incremental basis, without public hearings, hoping that we won't notice until it is too late. We're not falling for it. But at least two years ago, they had public hearings. This time, they just went ahead, unannounced, without any public input."

Geils noted that SOC and others had objected to the CTAP plans in public comments and during environmental impact hearings in October 1998. The FAA, SOC officials said then, ought to acknowledge that CTAP and other air traffic control schemes are not simply designed to reduce delays, but to implement "capacity creep" at O'Hare -- the gradual and piecemeal growth of air traffic beyond what is reasonable and safe.

"Instead of tweaking air traffic control procedures with changes that could have serious environmental, safety and operational consequences, the FAA instead should be leading efforts for a comprehensive solution to the region's air traffic problems - a major new airport in the southern suburbs," Geils said.

"Part of the FAA's mission is to promote the airline industry, but no where does it say that it is required to promote the monopoly-like profits of the two controlling airlines at O'Hare with hybrid and ill conceived air traffic control arrangements."

Craft Fair at Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection will be holding their annual Craft Fair on Saturday, August 26, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Located at 151st St. and Central Ave. in Oak Forest.

The Craft Fair will also offer a bake sale and a snack bar. There will be crafters and vendors both indoors and outdoors. Come join the fun!



Oak Lawn BPW Award Scholars

Pictured (top, left - right) Gina Rogers, Slohvaughn Funches, Heidi Foster, and Christina Zwirkoski, (bottom row) Jean Laird, Oak Lawn BPW scholarship chair.

Oak Lawn BPW Award Scholars

The Oak Lawn Business and Professional Women (BPW) recently awarded four "Mary R. Lotz Memorial Scholarships" at a garden party held at the home of Lucille Crocilla on August 9.

Scholars are Gina Rogers, a sophomore at DePaul University studying biology in a pre-med program; Slohvaughn Funches, a sophomore at Eastern Illinois University studying psychology; Heidi Foster, a student at South Suburban College studying court reporting; and Christina Zwirkoski, a junior at Olivet Nazarene University studying elementary education.

The Oak Lawn Business and Professional Women annually award educational scholarships for college to local women who display exemplary academic and personal achievement.

Mary R. Lotz was a founding member and the charter president of the Oak Lawn Business and Professional Women. During her lifetime, she was the proprietor of "The House of Mary," a women's fashion store, active on the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and an inspiration to working women and entrepreneurs in the Oak Lawn area. Ms. Lotz died on January 29, 2000.



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(NAPS)—Here are a few facts and figures about mosquitoes you may have been itching to know:



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- They're everywhere. Mosquitoes can be found from the tropics to the arctic circle, from low lands to mountain peaks.
- Every mosquito is not out to bite you. Only the females. The males dine on plant nectar.

- Mosquitoes are attracted to human warmth, perspiration and the carbon dioxide you breathe out.
- Since mosquitoes breed in standing water, your best defense may be to get rid of it in such places as open paint cans, old tires, upright pails or clogged gutters. In addition, advises Richard Welch, an expert on mosquitoes for the anti-itch ointment, ITCH-X, changing the water in bird baths and other ornamental water-gatherers will also reduce the number of mosquitoes, at least in your yard.

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Rodney Lewis, Founder of New Age Theater, brings *Grassroots to Glory - The Anthology of Gospel II* to Ivanhoe Theater

To allow the power of gospel music to lift you up and carry you through two hours of a non stop, foot stomping, gospel celebration, you need look no further than *Grassroots to Glory - The Anthology of Gospel II*, the highly anticipated sequel to *A Piece of My Soul - The Anthology of Gospel* both written produced and directed by Chicago's own Rodney Lewis.

Opening July 28 at the Ivanhoe Theater on Chicago's northside, *Grassroots to Glory* is comprised of a dynamic cast whose energy and pure talent leaves the audience breathless as they belt out powerful gospel tunes from such artists as The Mighty Clouds of Joy, the Clark Sisters and The Thompson Community Singers.

Receiving critical acclaim for his first production, *A Piece of my Soul*, Lewis continues to spread the message of God's glory through the evolution of gospel music. "Just because gospel music is mass marketed that is part of pop culture doesn't make it any less spiritual or redeeming," explains the 29 year old playwright. "Our production

has an honesty and a realness about it that transcends all cultures and age groups and our message is simple: God's music is as popular as it is powerful," adds Lewis. After being nominated Best Play in Chicago, *A Piece of My Soul* went on a 25 city tour of the U.S. and later opened to packed houses and adoring fans in Europe. Lewis' sophomore effort, *Grassroots to Glory*, picks up where *A Piece of My Soul* left off, tracing the evolution of the broadcast and recording elements of gospel music.

Having upgraded the play's technical aspects with virtual scenery and video presentations on state of the art video screens, the production of *Grassroots to Glory* is seen as a breakthrough in modern day theater. "We are excited to present to the world all the hard work we put into *Grassroots to Glory* from all creative aspects," explains Lewis. "We come from humble beginnings and God has blessed us with yet another opportunity to spread His word."

Grassroots to Glory will run for ten weeks at Ivanhoe The-

ater at 750 W. Wellington (Halsted and Wellington). The production will be open to the general public on Friday, July 28. For ticket information, call (773) 975-7171 or (708) 895-4225 for groups.



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Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2000, at the Royal Palace Banquet Hall, 6254 W. 111th St. Chicago Ridge, Illinois.

The speaker for September will be Rev. Pam Delph, a graduate of Rejoice School of Ministry who became an ordained minister in 1998.

As President and Founder of World Outreach Ministry International, Pam is fulfilling prophecies on her life by beginning prophetic, miracle ministries in places like Coratia, Eastern Europe, Jamaica and other nations. This fall she will pioneer a church and training center in northwest suburb of Chicago. Please invite a friend to come and receive strength and ministering.

Dinner tickets are \$12, available at 6:30 p.m. at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00 p.m. For reservations and/or additional information, please call Josephine at (773) 767-8031.

Office of Citizens' Services Village of Evergreen Park

Rules of the Road Class

The Illinois Rules of the Road Class, a program sponsored by the Secretary of State, will be held at the Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park, on Thursday, September 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

A representative from the Secretary of State's office will review current driving laws. There is No Fee; however, registration is necessary, and may be made by phoning OCS at 422-8776 or stopping at the OCS Office at the above address.

The Evergreens Meetings

The Evergreens meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the H. B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St. This group is a social group, which meets "just for fun." New members are always welcome. Dues are \$3 per year. A \$1 fee per meeting is paid at the door to cover refreshments.

Picture meeting dates include: September 6 - Bingo and October 4 - Potluck for 4.

Annual Senior Volunteer Awards Luncheon

Make your reservations Now for the Annual Senior Volunteer Awards Luncheon, sponsored by the Senior Citizen's Council of Evergreen Park, which will be held Friday, Sept. 22, at 12:00 noon in the H. B. Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St. Tickets are available (\$6.50 each) at the Office of Citizen's Services, Room 107. Tickets must be obtained by September 15.

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Moraine Valley Community College

Moraine Valley to present art exhibit

Artist Carol Ann Moller will provide "Windows Into Woman's World" Aug. 17 through Sept. 22. The exhibit, a series of figurative paintings, will be on display at Moraine Valley Community College's Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery, located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Alsos Hills. There will be an artist's reception on Friday, Sept. 15, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the gallery.

Moller's paintings possess strength which has been recognized most recently with several of her works being chosen for various art competitions in Illinois.

She received Best of Show recognition at Moraine Valley's "Gallery 1999" and "Gallery 2000" juried exhibits, and she received the coveted Curator's Award for her work at Elmhurst Art Museum. She also has exhibited her series of allegories at the Woodmere Art Museum in Philadelphia, and has displayed her work at the Drake and Amoco Buildings in Chicago, Bianco Gallery in Pennsylvania, and Interstate Bank and Harrah's Casino, both in Illinois.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500.

Don't put away those bathing suits!

Do you enjoy swimming mostly during the summer? That's true for many people. They love the water during the warm weather, then when the season changes, they put away their bathing suits. But just because summer is drawing to a close doesn't mean you have to stop swimming. That's the message of the everly resident Rosie Perez-Pelaez of the Daley College Aquatics Program. The nice part about having a wonderful indoor pool, she notes, "is that you can enjoy it in all seasons and in all weather!"

Rosie's program, part of the college's Continuing Education Department, has a wide variety of aquatic activities year round. For the morning people, there is early morning lap swim. There are open swim hours

throughout the day plus water aerobic classes, often popular with older adults. Also offered are learn to swim classes for children and adults, a one night snorkeling class and, for the more adventurous, even a SCUBA diving course.

For class times, registration information, and to learn more about the classes, contact Daley's Continuing Education office at (773) 838-7551. Or just stop by room 1403. The office is located on the first floor in the southwest corner of Daley College, 7500 S. Pulaski Rd. The next series of classes begins September 5th, so call now to sign up.

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The morning class is 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. afternoon class is 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$115 for a township resident and \$140 for a non township resident. There will be no mini session held. Class is extended until December 7. Children must be 3-5 years old and must be toilet trained. Call 371-2900, ext. 45 for further information.

Moraine Valley Fine and Performing Arts Center's Fall 2000 Season

From Big Band performances to ghost hunting, the Moraine Valley Community College Fine and Performing Arts Center will offer a variety of entertainment during the fall 2000 season.

The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra will open the season on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Join conductor Buddy Morrow and the rest of the orchestra as they swing into Moraine Valley for an evening of toe-tapping tunes.

Kids Fair 2000, a free cultural, health, and safety event for children ages 3 through 12, will take place on the campus on Saturday, Sept. 30, starting at 10 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Moraine Valley Foundation.

The Moraine Valley Academic Chorale, directed by Nicholas Thomas, will perform Chorale "Lite" Classics on Monday, Oct. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

Phyllis Kozlowski, professor and department chair of Fine Arts and Humanities at Moraine Valley and director of the college's Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery, will present a Watercolor Demonstration on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 6 to 9 p.m.

A two-day Spirit Mask Workshop in which participants will create self portraits of

their own humanistic, creative, and spiritual qualities, will meet on Thursdays, Oct. 12 and 19, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The workshop will be presented by Kathy Shonauer.

Weird Chicago, a safe way to discover the Windy City's most famous ghosts and haunted places, will take place on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. The presentation will be hosted by the Midwest's only full time professional ghost hunter, Richard Crowe. Crowe will also conduct ghost tours on October 7 and 28.

Robert Moss will present a lecture on "Dreamgrowing" on Friday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m. before conducting a two day seminar on Oct. 14 and 15.

Capitol Steps, a group of congressional staffers turned comedians, will satirize the very people and places that once employed them on Saturday, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m.

The academic theater production of "Baby," based on a book by Sybille Pearson, will take place Oct. 26 through 29 and Nov. 2 through 5. Share the joys and tribulations of three couples as they face the prospect of having a baby.

For nearly 500 years, the Vienna Choir Boys have been a symbol of Austria. This world

famous choir will perform at Moraine Valley on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 3 p.m.

The Aquila Theatre Company of London will perform Cyrano de Bergerac, the story of a swashbuckling swordsman famous for his big nose and his unrequited love for the alluring Roxanne, on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m.

The college's Jazz Ensemble will perform its annual winter concert on Friday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The Moraine Valley Academic Chorale, directed by Nicholas Thomas, will perform their annual holiday concert on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Get into the holiday spirit with music of the season performed by the Artie Show Orchestra, under the direction of clarinetist Dick Johnson. The group will perform a holiday concert on Saturday, Dec. 9th at 8 p.m.

A performance of The Fantastic Toyshop will take place on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m.

The Southwest Community Band will perform its annual holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 3 p.m.

For more information about performances or to order tickets, call (708) 974-5500.

Smithsonian Exhibition comes to Moraine

A traveling exhibition that tells a story of a unique culture created by escaped slaves who were brought to countries in the Caribbean from Africa starts its only visit to Illinois on Saturday, Sept. 9, at Moraine Valley Community College.

Creativity and Resistance: Maroon Cultures in the Americas will remain on view in the Robert E. Turner Learning Resources Center at Moraine Valley through Nov. 5. The panel exhibition features historical drawings and maps, timeline, contemporary photographs, and a selection of ceremonial and daily life objects.

The exhibition is on a 15 city tour. The Learning Resource Center is open Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. and Sunday, noon through 4 p.m.

For more information, call Barbara Dargis, College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742.

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Saint Xavier Alumna to display work at SXU Gallery

The Saint Xavier University Art Gallery will exhibit *Original Instruction* by Jan F. Meister from August 28 - September 16 on the University's main campus, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago.

Meister will also present a lecture about her work at a reception on Wednesday, September 6 at 3:30 p.m.

A Saint Xavier alumna, Ms. Meister has created two and three dimensional forms representing her personal visions and mental impressions about encounters with nature.

The SXU Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For additional information, please call (773) 298-3091 or check out Saint Xavier University's Calendar of Events on the web at www.sxu.edu/news/calendar.htm.

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Egypt in Chicago

Many of Chicago's cultural organizations are presenting programs related to Egyptian arts and culture in the summer of 2000. The Art Institute of Chicago is presenting the first major exhibition of Egyptian art to come to this city in more than 20 years, *Pharaohs of the Sun: Akhenaten, Nefertiti, Tutankhamen*, from July 17 through September 24, 2000. Coinciding with the exhibition, Chicago Opera Theatre will present *Akhenaten*, composed by Philip Glass and directed by Mary Zimmerman, in July 2000.

Other organizations offering Egyptian fare are the Oriental Institute and the Graham School of General Studies of the University of Chicago; The Field Museum; The Museum of Science and Industry; The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, and Gallery 37 Neighborhoods Program.

Egypt in Chicago is planned to present a wide range of complementary programs and educational activities to the public. All programming will share a common theme - Egypt - but will be interpreted in a variety of forms, to offer a wide ranging aesthetic experience for Chicagoan and tourists alike. The first major exhibition of Egyptian art to travel to Chicago in more than 20 years,

Pharaohs of the Sun: Akhenaten, Nefertiti, Tutankhamen captures the revolutionary epoch known as the Amarna Age (1353-1336 B.C.) when the radical reformist pharaoh Akhenaten - as well as his beautiful wife Nefertiti, and his successor, the boy king Tutankhamen - ruled Egypt at its peak of imperial glory.

On view will be the largest assembly of objects from this remarkable period since the city of Amarna was abandoned 3,500 years ago, including more than 250 works - monumental sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, household items, and more - as well as an extraordinary 20 foot, three dimensional model of Amarna.

The exhibition was organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. The exhibition is supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities, dedicated to expanding American understanding of history and culture. The Chicago presentation is made possible through generous support of ComEd and the Sara Lee Foundation.

Special tickets are required for *Pharaohs of the Sun: Akhenaten, Nefertiti, Tutankhamen*, on view at The Art Institute of Chicago July 17 - Sept. 24, 2000, and obtaining tickets in advance is strongly recommended. The main telephone number to call for dated,

timed tickets is 1-312-930-4040. Tickets are also available for purchase at the Art Institute, as well as Illinois Ticketmaster outlets -- Carson Pirie Scott, Dominick's, Tower Records, and Hot Tix. Tickets and further information can be found at the Art Institute's website, www.artic.edu.

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The recorded exhibition audio tours and copies of the exhibition catalogue may be purchased in advance by phone; the audio tour may also be purchased in advance at in-house ticket terminals as well as at the exhibition entrance.

Also, a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts has made tickets for Tuesday evenings available for free. These tickets may be obtained in advance only at the Art Institute and only while they last - first come, first served. Special hours: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.; Tues. 9:30 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

CMFZ story

ranked the Internet as their main source for food safety information. In 2000, those numbers grew to 32 percent and 7 percent, respectively. However, the survey showed that editors greatly overestimate the number of consumers who use the Internet as a source for food safety information. Editor respondents believed that 73 percent of consumers get information about food safety from the Internet.

"The survey results suggest the media underestimate the powerful role they play in shaping consumer attitudes and actions toward food safety issues," Brewer said. "Mass media, such as television, newspapers and magazines, remain consumers' main source for food safety news. Many consumers base changes in their purchasing patterns on reports about food safety they see or read in the news."

Consumers and editors again ranked government agencies and meat and poultry packers at the bottom of the list when comparing the safety performance of food industry sector. A lower percentage of consumers gave government agencies and meat and poultry packers "excellent" marks than in 1999, but more editors gave the sectors higher ratings. Farmers topped the list of those perceived as doing an

excellent job as food safety. Sixty-seven percent of consumers gave farmers as "excellent" rating, and 56 percent of editors rated farmers as "excellent."

"Consumer concerns about food safety appear to be incident-driven," Brewer said. "The most widely reported incidents have linked food-borne illnesses to processing facilities or food service establishments. Farmers and ranchers are rarely identified as sources of food safety problems."

The nationwide survey, conducted in May, questioned 401 randomly selected consumers and 150 newspaper and magazine food editors on a variety of food safety issues. The consumer survey has a margin of error of +/-4.9 percentage points, while the editor survey has a margin of error of +/-8 points.

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Travel to Israel surpassing all records as new millennium dawns

American tourism to Israel increased by 43 percent in May, 2000, building on the already substantial increases recorded in January through April, it was announced here today by Arie Sommer, Israel Commissioner for Tourism in North America. "We are delighted with this result," said Sommer, "because it confirms our long held prediction that for Israel, the Millennium would lead to a wave of increased tourism -- one that will last well into the new century."

Conservative estimates are that more than three million visitors will have visited Israel by the end of 2000. However Israeli tourism officials are now increasing their projections in the wake of monthly increases larger than forecast, and strong bookings for the remainder of the summer and the fall.

The March 2000 visit to Israel by Pope John Paul II is seen as having a dramatic impact on increasing tourism to Israel, not only by Roman Catholics, but also by pilgrims of other denominations and faiths, as well as vacationers.

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The two part prostate cancer screening consists of a blood test and a physician exam. The blood test must take place before the exam.

Blood test appointments are available August 14 to Sept. 9. Prostate exam appointments are available Sept. 18-23. There is a \$25 lab fee for the entire process. For additional information and to make appointments, please call (708) 636-5264. Free valet parking is available.



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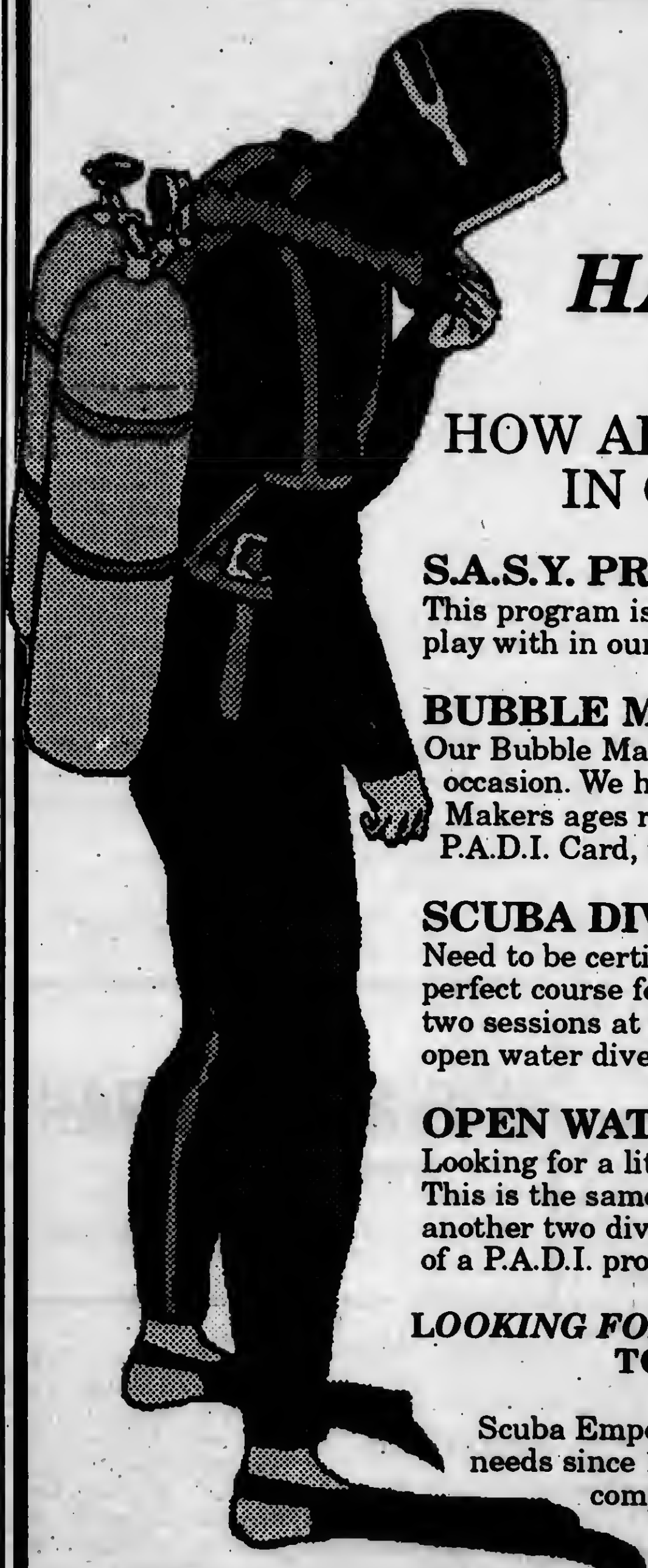
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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By Kathy Whirity



Where Generations Blend

The retro look is in, and has been, in our family, for as long as my daughters have been style-conscious, which has been since the pre 90's.

Frequently, at my house, the phrase, "this isn't the 70's," can be heard as my daughters refer to my teen-age years as the *old days*. But when it comes to being "in vogue" - 70's duds have turned into new millennium chic.

Recently while on a shopping trip with this fashion savvy duo I was amazed at what I found on the racks. From bell-bottom jeans to crop top sweaters, everywhere I looked reminded me of my youth. Not only were these styles patterned after an era gone by, but some of these garments were a popular style with my mother's generation.

For teens who think this recycled look is so unique, let me just say two words - Old Navy. This popular store is a haven for 70's attire. Everywhere you look are the styles reminiscent of apparel worn when once girlish figures were thirty years younger and that many pounds lighter.

Somehow, this store of seemingly retro-wear has managed to cleverly combine our past style, along with our mother's to be reinvented as the distinctive, trendy fashion tastes of our daughters.

We wouldn't have been caught dead in polyester, button down shirts that our own dear mother's wore, but they too are sharing the same racks with an array of empire blouses and halter tops. And, speaking of halter tops, have you noticed the totally modern versions of these barely there tops? The scant material that covers the front is held together by a teeny, tiny shoestring that ties in the back, that leaves nothing to the imagination - much more daring than the earlier version that tied around the neck and waist.

In this modish mix is a welcomed variety of pant styles with names like capris and clamdiggers, that are gaining in popularity with young and old alike. When I was a kid, we called them pedal pushers, but in the new millennium, a nice pair of white capris, with a pair of mules, and even a gray haired baby boomer can be stylishly dressed for a casual night out. As for clamdiggers, they can only be described as a cross between a pedal pusher and a bell bottom, a good look if you don't mind looking as if you're going to a flood.

I had to laugh the other day when my eldest came strutting in on a pair of (what seemed to be) mile high platform shoes that were almost identical to the type I remember strapping on to my teen-age tootsies in 1974.

If only I would've thought to save some of those relics from yesterdays wardrobe. Knowing what I know now, maybe I should hang onto the clothes my daughters and I wear today. I'd be ready, just in case any future grand daughters decided to claim these timeless fashions as their own. You never know, I could open a boutique and call it "Every Mother's Closet," since it seems as though every generations *unique* sense of style, is often rooted in our mother's past.

My daughters are right - these aren't the old days - but you'd never know it by looking in their closets.

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Military News

Air Force Airman 1st Class William J. Olson has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Olson is the son of John O. and Susan A. Olson of Oak Lawn.

Marine Corps Pvt. Floyd W. Smith, son of Sharon and Floyd W. Smith of Evergreen Park, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Tinley Moraine Genealogist's next monthly meeting

Tinley Moraine Genealogist's next meeting is Thursday, September 7, 2000 at Tinley Park High School Library, 6111 W. 175th St., Tinley Park. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m., doors are open at 6:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome. Members free. Visitor fee is \$1 per meeting.

The speaker at the next meeting will be Dominic Candeloro, author of *Images Of America: The Italians in Chicago*. Mr. Candeloro, a specialist on Italian Americans, has had several books published that are studies of the immigration of Italians to the Chicago area and their impact in the neighborhoods.

He was honored with the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award by the Illinois Humanities Council in 1999 for efforts in documenting and interpreting Italian American culture. He is currently an Adjunct Professor of History at Governors State University, and is Past President of, both the American Italian Historical Association and the Italian Cultural Center, Stone Park. He has a long history of lectures given and participation in documenting Italian history in this area.

Timothy P. Buchanan has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. Buchanan will report for basic training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Georgia on August 24th, 2000. He is the brother of Joseph Buchanan of Oak Lawn.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Eric W. Ellis, son of Loretta A. and Robert W. Ellis of Oak Lawn, recently participated in Exercise Dynamic Mix while on a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the amphibious transport ship USS Trenton, home ported in Norfolk, Virginia.

Ellis, a 1997 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School, joined the Navy in October 1997.

Internet Public Access Workstation available at Chicago Ridge Public Library

The staff of the Chicago Ridge Public Library is pleased to announce that a single Internet Public Access Workstation is now available in the Library. Holders of valid Suburban Library System borrower's cards may register in person at the Reference Desk by filling out a User Registration form to use this service.

After the initial registration, they may schedule a half hour of use once per day, also at the Reference Desk. The Internet access is unfiltered. Children under the age of 18 must have the signature of a parent or legal guardian on a Parental Permission Form before they may use the workstation. An inkjet printer is attached and printouts cost \$0.10 per page. For information about this new service, call the Chicago Ridge Public Library at (708) 423-7753.

New Booklet Available to help individuals obtain money from the Government

Have you ever wished that you could get your hands on some of the billions of dollars that the government gives away? If so, information in a new booklet might help.

Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, DC has just published a 48 page booklet, "Free Money - Winning the Government Giveaway Game." The booklet gives information on how and where to get free money, free advice, and free services from the government.

"At last count there was around 292 billion in government giveaway programs and free services. The secret is knowing where to look," says Paul Richard, a researcher at the Institute. "We've published a booklet that helps people get their share of government giveaway. It features listings of sources and stories about real people that have obtained government money for such things as, to write a book, to start a business or to pay off student loans."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, Government Giveaway Booklet Offer, Dept. GGB-801-M, P.O. Box 96071, Washington DC 20090-6071. Or call (202) 595-1030 for more information.

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Located at Prospect Federal Savings Bank, 11139 S. Harlem Ave. 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Have lunch with us! Coffee, rolls, pop and sandwiches available. Win prizes by entering our drawings! Free entertainment for your shopping pleasure. All entertainment starts at approximately 10:00 a.m. Upcoming entertainment scheduled:

August 16 - Worth Park District, popcorn and information; August 23 - Worth Public Library Storytime, Worth Township snow cones and information; August 30 - Founders Bank and Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center. September 6 - Little Company of Mary and LaSalle Bank; Sept. 13 - Worth Fire Department, free blood pressure testing; Sept. 20 - Park Lawn; Sept. 27 - Bank One and Water's Edge Golf Course - Putting Clinic and Contests.

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George O'Hare to address Garden Seniors Club

George O'Hare, Senior Citizens' Advocate for Maria Pappas, Treasurer of Cook County, will speak before the Garden Seniors Club, Friday, August 25 at 1 p.m. at the First Methodist Church, 100 S. Central Ave., Oak Lawn.

Barbara Spanier, coordinator, announced that George, a motivational speaker, will explain the Advocacy of the Treasurer's Office.

"Mr. Accentuate the Positive," George O'Hare, is in his second career. He served as Director of Senior Advocacy for the Illinois Attorney General's Office under Neil Hartigan, and later as the Chief of The Speakers Bureau for Attorney General Roland Burris, after 34 years of dedicated service at Sears Roebuck and Company in the Merchandising and Sales Division. He has his own T.V. program on Chicago Access Cable Channel 19. Mr. O'Hare is one of Chicago's most sought after speakers and truly enjoys what he is doing.

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Students like benefits of special programs, but don't like being labeled

Gifted programs are providing valuable benefits to students, but are saddling them with undesired labels, according to many such former students in a recent University of Illinois study.

Many also question whether the benefits gave them an unfair advantage, and wonder why some of what they learned could not be taught to other students, says Nancy Hertzog, a U.I. professor of special education. A former teacher of gifted programs, Hertzog is the researcher who conducted the study.

"They were happy that they had been provided the types of experiences and challenges offered to them through participation in gifted programs," Hertzog wrote in a paper presented recently at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association. "But they also painted pictures of harassment for being labeled gifted, of feeling different and separated from their peers because of pull out programs or segregated classes. They felt a sense of injustice that they had better educational opportunities. They offered advice to make these activities available to many more students," Hertzog's

qualitative, interview-based study of 50 U. I. students apparently is the first to seek out post high school students with experience in gifted programs and ask them to look back on their K-12 careers. Although previous studies have interviewed graduates of specific gifted curricula, Hertzog's study apparently is the first to seek participants from a wide range of schools and gifted programs.

She advertised for subjects in the U. I.'s colleges of education and of engineering, then selected randomly from the volunteers. All had participated in a gifted program of some type for at least three years during their K-12 schooling. Each was interviewed using open-ended questions about their experiences and the "benefits" and "costs" of their participation in gifted programs.

Among the surprises for Hertzog was that many students remembered few specifics about their elementary experiences in gifted programs, though most "felt strongly about being separated and segregated so early." She also was surprised at what students listed as the prime benefits of their gifted education. Instead of talking about programs being fun and

engaging, they stressed things such as how they helped them prepare for college, learn study skills, and value hard work and challenges.

Based on the study, "there's no doubt in my mind that the techniques that we use in gifted programs are beneficial, that they have a positive impact on students," Hertzog said. "There's also no doubt in my mind that in the field of gifted education, and among general educators, we have to look more carefully at what we do when we label children -- that this has serious side effects, and even if we label them positively, it's not necessarily a positive effect."

"I think we need to pay attention to the strengths and talents of all students, and we need to teach teachers to do that instead of trying to determine who's gifted," Hertzog said. "I want us to get away from asking who's gifted, to looking at how we can get every child to want to learn more."

program may be obtained by calling (708) 422-6429. St. Bernadette School is located at 9311 S. Francisco Ave. in Evergreen Park, directly north of Little Company of Mary Hospital.

St. Bernadette School Opening for 2000-2001

St. Bernadette School Opening will be Thursday, August 24 for the 2000-2001 academic year. Classes will be held for all students in Kindergarten through Grade 8, from 8:10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on both Thursday and Friday, August 24 and 25. The first full day of school will be Monday, August 28, from 8:10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Parent Orientation Day will be held on Thursday, August 10. Parents will have two opportunities to obtain their children's classroom assignments, the school calendar and the student policy handbook. Information about the School Board, Home and School Association, the Athletic Association, school uniforms and the Manna tuition reduction programs will be distributed. There will be special school supplies for sale.

"There are still a few spaces available at some

grade levels," said Mrs. Arlene Baumann, Principal.

Parents who are interested in an educational opportunity for their child which is focused on the basics while demanding excellence are encouraged to call the school at (708) 422-6429. St. Bernadette School also offers 3 and 4 year old preschool and an Extended Day program for working families - 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pre-school programs begin on Sept. 5. Information on pre-school and the extended ay

Picnic and Festa di Tutti Santi

Our Lady of Pompeii Shrine invites all Italian clubs and societies to celebrate Festa di Tutti Santi to show our unity at the oldest continuing Italian church in Chicago on Sunday, August 27th at 11:00 a.m.

The church is located at 1220 West Lexington St., Chicago. There is a procession after Mass to Arrigo Park. For more information call Carlo: day (708) 423-2239, evening (708) 430-4336. Please respond by August 21st.

Attic Treasures help kids feel at home at Little Company

Children who come to Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers as patients or visitors will receive an "Attic Treasures" plush toy, compliments of Ty, Inc., while supplies last.

Oak Brook-based Ty, Inc., made another generous donation of 50,000 toys to Little Company. Nurses and other staff will deliver the lavishly outfitted "Attic Treasures" animals to patients and visitors, primarily in the Emergency Department, Pediatrics and Mother/Baby units,

Physical Therapy Center, and Adult Day Care Center.

"We are thrilled to receive this generous gift," remarked Mary Jo May, Director of the Little Company of Mary Foundation. "Kids come here at extremely stressful times, and something as simple as providing them with a toy makes it easier to deal with an emergency room or other hospital experience."

The toys are given to young patients to help them through an emergency room or surgical experience. This donation followed a similar

gift of "Beanie Buddy" toys this past January.

"This year we are celebrating the 70th anniversary of bringing our mission of care to Evergreen Park," said Sister Kathleen McIntyre, L.C.M., President. "It is truly a blessing to have Ty once again partner with us in carrying out that mission."

Rita Grammar School Reunion

On Saturday, July 8, nearly 1,500 alumni attended the St. Rita Grammar School Reunion held at St. Rita High School's campus. The alumni from as far back as 1922 were in attendance as well the school's last class from 1994.

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Gator's Golf Guide

by Bob Gates

In an attempt to correct a problem concerning direction, golfers often find themselves *compensating* for the problem as they try to discover a solution to the persistent unwanted results.

It is a frequent occurrence that plays a part in the game of many recreational golfers. They know something is wrong, but don't know how to correct it, and therefore resort to compensating. The results which may be seen are at best very temporary and give the false impression that something positive is being attained. What happens when the use of compensation ceases to be effective? Do you then compensate for the compensation? If so, you find yourself getting into more trouble and become increasingly frustrated. Most golfers who do compensate, in one way or another, don't really understand what it is they are trying to accomplish. The real solution is to fix the problem, not temporarily bypass it.

But what does it mean to compensate, or be a compensator? Webster's Dictionary defines compensate as a way to counteract or make allowance for a variation, and it defines a compensator as a person who uses various devices to correct or offset some

Canine Demonstration

General Superintendent, Joseph Nevius, of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, announced that a Police Officer from the Canine Division, will put on a demonstration for the Kiwanis Club of Oak Lawn "K," Wednesday, August 23 at 10:00 a.m. at the V.F.W. Hall, 9520 S. 52nd Ave.

Ray Ristow, coordinator, announced that the officer will explain why and what the dogs are trained for, how obedience is taught and all other interesting aspects. The usual dogs of choice are the German Shepard and Rotweiler.

disturbing action. As an instructor, I feel compensating, as it relates to golf, is a nonentity. There simply is no place for it. If there is a problem which needs fixing, the solution lies in the use of good fundamentals. Compensating is not part of the solution, but rather it is part of the problem.

Let me describe one of the more common situations I see which illustrates the use of compensating. This illustration applies to the right hand golfer. A ball is hit far to the right of the intended target because of bad alignment. Before the next shot, the golfer will compensate for the previous poor direction by aiming further to the left, thinking this will get the ball back in line with the target. In effect this causes the ball to go even further to the right than before. The solution is to get aligned squarely in the set up which will eliminate the urge of wanting to compensate.

A golfer who takes the time to become fundamentally sound will never find the need to compensate when a problem arises, but rather will rely on the use of the basics to solve the problem.

I have a new teaching aid now available. It is a booklet entitled Your Personal Guide

Chicago Air and Water Show Cruise

The Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department is offering a Chicago Air and Water Show Cruise on Sunday, August 20th. The cruise includes a buffet, beer, wine, soda, disc jockey, and Air and Water Show broadcast. The bus leaves the Palos Hills Municipal Golf Course, 7301 W. 105th St. at 10:30 a.m. and returns approximately 5:30 p.m. The fee is \$64 for cruise and transportation. Individuals under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.



To a Good Set Up. If interested in the booklet or private golf lessons, Bob Gates can be contacted at (708) 425-8637 or (708) 857-2214.

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Volleyball for all

Didn't make your high school volleyball team, but you love the sport of volleyball just the same? This fall teens at Oak Lawn area high schools -- Oak Lawn, Richards, Evergreen Park, Stagg, Carl Sandburg, Mother McAuley, Marist, Brother Rice, Queen of Peace, Mt. Assisi, St. Laurence, St. Ignatius, and St. Rita are invited to participate in a new intramural volleyball league to be held at Mother McAuley High School, 3737 W. 99th St., Chicago.

"This is a great chance for A and B level volleyball players to continue to play competitively, even if they didn't make the cut for their high school team," says Laura Calek, program organizer.

Male and female students can sign up for the intramural league individually; co-recreational and women's only teams will be formed by the organizers. A minimal fee of \$2.50 per night will be charged to the participants.

Games for the league will be played between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at McAuley on the following dates: Aug. 30, Sept. 14, Sept. 19, Sept. 26 and Oct. 5. For more information, please call Laura Calek at (773) 881-6564.

Congratulations to the 2000 inductees to Saint Xavier University Honors Program

Saint Xavier University congratulates the freshman accepted into the University Honors Program for Fall 2000. The Honors Program offers an enriched academic experience to talented and highly motivated students.

In the first two years in the program, students participate in five seminars concentrating on English, humanities, social sciences, computers and technology, and science. Students participate in field work during their junior year. Seniors have the opportunity for independent or group research with guidance by a faculty mentor. The Honors Program also provides opportunity for study abroad and internships.

Congratulations to Saint Xavier's Fall 2000 Honors Program inductees. They include:

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The 14th Annual Golf Outing

The National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame presents the 14th Annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, September 20th, 2000 at Silver Lake Country Club, 147th and 82nd Ave., Orland Park.

The Legendary Billy Davidson of Natural Golf president, C.E.O. and Founder of the N.I.A.S.H.F. George Randazzo and other invited sports figures will be present including Randy "Macho Man" Savage.

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The Golf Outing includes Continental Breakfast and Registration 7:45 to 9:15 a.m.; Shot Gun Start at 9:15 a.m.; Free Pizza Compliments of Joe Aurelio (Aurelio's Pizza) from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; "Macho Man" Costume donated by Randy Savage; Open Bar in Garden Room at 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Dinner and Awards at 5:30 p.m. Entrance fee is \$125 per golfer. If paid by September 5, 2000, \$110 per golfer/\$440 per foursome. Includes Continental Breakfast, Golf and Cart, Lunch, Beer Cart, Dinner, Open Bar, and Prizes.

Limited to 144 golfers. For reservations or for more information, call Skip Lombardo at (708) 448-0970, Jim Kepouros (312) 320-5020, or Ken Babe (773) 333-3163.

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Each eight hour course is conducted over a two day period. Attendance on both days is mandatory. Pre-registration is necessary. You can mail check payable to AARP for \$10 to OCS, 3450 W. 97th St. Evergreen Park, 60805, or visit the Center, Room 107.

First annual charity golf outing comes to Oak Lawn

The Oak Lawn Area United Way has announced that its First Annual Charity Golf Invitational will be held Wednesday, Sept. 20, at the Oak Lawn Park District's Stony Creek Golf Course, 5850 W. 103rd St. in Oak Lawn.

"We promise a day of golf, camaraderie, good food and chances to win some prizes," says Gary Hendell, the organization's executive director. "And all this fun will be helping worthwhile charities in Burbank, Evergreen Park and Oak Lawn at the same time."

The outing will start at 7:30 a.m. with registration and continental breakfast, followed by tee-offs beginning at 9 a.m. with a shot gun start. A chance to win a car with a hole in one, a raffle with great prizes and lunch will follow golfing. The fee for the day is \$75/golfer.

The non profit organization -- whose purpose is to advance the cause of human welfare within the villages of Burbank, Evergreen Park and Oak Lawn -- is also currently accepting business sponsorships for holes, prizes and refreshments for this event.

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Michael Jordan: Exhibiting Greatness - (open through Jan. 1, 2001) This exclusive exhibition allows a personal glimpse into Jordan's life and accomplishments with the largest collection of Jordan artifacts ever displayed. In addition to the memorabilia and collectibles, you'll experience video highlights of the Bulls' Championship games and the six Championship trophies in a room size replica of the United Center arena. You'll also have a chance to "measure up to Michael" with interactives to compare your hand, foot height and wingspan with Jordan's and to examine the unique physiology of one of the world's greatest athletes.

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Henry Crown Space Center Omnimax - *Solarmax*, the hottest film under the sun opens September 15, 2000. Every 11 years the sun's poles reverse with unimaginable violence. The peak of the storm is called a solarmax. The last solarmax took place in 1989 - experience the 2000 solarmax in the cool comfort of Chicago's only five story domed Omnimax theater. *Solarmax* takes you on a journey through space and time, telling the story of man's burning curiosity about the sun from pre history to today's advances in solar science. Witness the totality of an eclipse and the beauty and magnificence of the Aurora Borealis, viewed from Earth and from space. Premiering at the Henry Crown Space Center Omnimax

Omnimax Theater - Chicago's only five story domed wrap-around screen.

Michael Jordan to the Max - The Museum of Science and Industry is proud to feature *Michael Jordan to the Max*, in the Henry Crown Space Center Omnimax Theater. You'll soar down the court with Michael and gain a new understanding of the man behind the legend. This inspirational, motivational and high octane film shows what it takes to be a champion.

Chicago Half Marathon - (Sept. 10, race starts at 7:45 a.m.) Lace up your running shoes, its time for the 4th Annual Chicago Half Marathon at the Museum of Science and Industry! The 13.1 mile race starts in front of the Museum and continues through the Hyde Park community. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers. But wait, don't forget to bring the kids! While runners are racing through the neighborhood, a Kid's Dash, or boogie along with Radio Disney and the Jesse White Tumblers. Early registration is available through www.dillonproductions.net. For more information call Dillon Productions at (773) 929-6072.

Museum Week - (Sept. 18-24) Presented by the City of Chicago, 28 Chicago museums, including the Museum of Science and Industry, will feature two for one admission on all general

admission during Museum Week. Visit all of Chicago's wonderful cultural attractions and see the variety of exhibits and programs each museum offers. Free trolley service will be available between the museums. For more information contact (312) 744-2400 or www.cityofchicago.org.

City Pass Tickets - Visit six of Chicago's greatest cultural attractions with the City Pass ticket booklet. City Pass booklets include admission to the Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum, The Art Institute of Chicago, The Field Museum, The Museum of Science and Industry, Shedd Aquarium and the Sears Tower Skydeck - a value of \$61 offered at half the price! City Pass booklets are available for purchase at all six participating attractions; adults for \$30.60, children (ages 3-11) for \$22.75 and seniors (age 65 and older) for \$25. Booklets are valid for nine days after a City Pass ticket is presented at the first attraction.

Radio Disney/MSI Kid Curator Sweepstakes - Kids can enter to win a one year Family Membership to the Museum of Science and Industry and the opportunity to review a new exciting exhibit. A radio personality from Radio Disney AM 1300 will accompany the winner through a tour of a new

exhibit to be aired on Radio Disney! Winners will be selected throughout the year. Check the Museum for entry boxes or at select Radio Disney events throughout the year!

Silver Tours at MSI - (now taking reservations) Designed specifically for guests over age 55, Silver Tours provide in depth, and the scenes access to your museum favorites and brand new attractions! To reserve your spot on the Silver Tours, or for more information, contact Sister Alma Messing at (773) 684-9844, ext. 2426.

Sleep Overnight at our Science Snoozeum - (now taking reservations) Spend the night in Chicago's favorite hands on museum. Explore the Museum after dark on September 22, 2000, or November 3, 2000. Science Snoozeum is designed for organized youth groups with youngsters ages 7-14. Call the Science Snoozeum Hotline at (773) 684-9844, ext. 2687 for information.

The Farm - (newest exhibit, opening Oct. 6, 2000) The Farm at the Museum of Science and Industry will open to the public with a Harvest Festival weekend. Discover how experts use science and technology to grow, process, and enjoy the world's most essential product - food. Follow milk, corn and soy

from their Midwest origins on their complex and fascinating voyage to feed the world! Highlights include an authentic, full sized John Deere and Co. combine that visitors will actually "ride" in a simulated experience, a greenhouse with both hybrid and genetically modified plants, a dairy barn and an interactive object theater that tells the story of food processing and distribution.

The 59th Annual Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Lights Celebrations - (Opens Nov. 17, 2000 - January 7, 2001) The Museum of Science and Industry's *Christmas Around the World* celebration began in 1942 as a United Nations salute to American Allies during WWII. A dozen trees, each decorated by a local ethnic community, graced the Museum's halls. Nearly six decades later, *Christmas Around the World* has grown to a forest of 50 trees and creches, each carefully decorated by members of Chicago's cultural communities. *Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light* offers visitors a rare opportunity to share in the celebration of the holidays from Poland to Puerto Rico, from Ice Land to India. In addition to the *Christmas Around the World* exhibition, the Museum host special programs, performances and activities for the whole family.

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Award Program Honors Projects Made With Preserved Wood

(NAPS)—To honor the many ways in which preserved wood improves the quality of life, the American Wood Preservers Institute (AWPI) has launched its Project of Distinction Awards program.

Virtually any project made of pressure-treated wood is eligible for the grand prize, said Scott Ramming, AWPI President. The Project of Distinction will be chosen from the champions in nine categories—Accessible Design, Playground, Deck, Garden/Landscaping, Utility, Railway, Industrial, Marine and Innovative.

In addition to national public recognition, the individual or team responsible for the Project of Distinction will be able to choose either a \$1,000 home center shopping spree, a \$1,000 travel award or a \$1,000 contribution to the charity of their choice. Each of the nine category champions will receive an AWPI Project of Distinction Awards sculpture as well as public recognition.

"We're inviting entries from homeowners, builders, landscape designers, architects, craftspeople—anyone who uses preserved wood," Ramming explained. "People can enter their own projects individually or together with col-



This Tugboat Island playground in Port Neches, Texas, is a winner of an earlier competition sponsored by the American Wood Preservers Institute.

laborators. Public interest groups might want to enter a project to recognize someone who designed or built a structure of particular value to their members."

Each entry will be judged on the basis of innovation, craftsmanship, design, durability, practicality, affordability, significance for society, and the extent to which it accomplishes its purpose. "We're looking for instances where preserved wood helped create something beautiful, fun, useful, finely crafted, or of benefit to society or the environment," Ramming said.

Entry forms can be obtained by calling 800-356-AWPI or by visiting the web at www.awpi.org. Entries must be postmarked by November 1, 2000.

Pointers For Parents

(NAPS)—Parents and others concerned about child safety on the road may care to drive down injury statistics by heeding these hints.

• Get Back.

The back seat is the safest place for children at every age. Make sure your child always rides in back.

• Get Buckled.

Infants should ride in a rear-facing infant seat until they are a year old and weigh at least 20 pounds. After that, they should ride facing forward in a convertible or toddler seat.

• Get a Boost.

Children weighing 40 to 80 pounds, as a rule, those ages 4 to 8, belong in a booster seat. By this time, they are too big for a typical child safety seat but still need a boost for adult safety belts to fit properly. Booster seats also make safety belts more comfortable for growing children, make it easier for them to see out the window and make it more fun to go for a ride.

• Get Belted.

Booster seats require both shoulder and lap belts to provide protection. That's why you should never use a belt positioning booster with a lap belt alone. If your car doesn't have lap and shoulder belts in the rear seat and you can't



Children between 4 and 8 should ride in the back of the car, on booster seats that make the seatbelts fit properly.

have them installed, look for a child seat that can be used with a lap belt for larger children. As a last resort, you should make sure your child is buckled in with the lap belt fastened low and snug across the upper thighs.

To help protect children, the Ford Motor Company has come up with a campaign called *Boost America!* to put a million booster seats into family cars within a year, including giving 500,000 seats away to families in need.

• Get Better Informed

To learn more about *Boost America!*, see the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website at www.nhtsa.dot.gov or www.boostamerica.org.

Choosing the right investment for your Retirement Portfolio

The word is out: the sooner you begin saving for retirement, the better. Most people are well aware that it will take a significant accumulation of assets to ensure a comfortable retirement lifestyle and many are putting money aside for use in future years.

Once you've made the move to start saving for retirement, you'll need to decide how best to invest those assets. The number of choices may seem overwhelming, but don't despair -- there are financial professionals who can help guide you through the process of evaluating your financial goals and objectives, creating a financial plan, and selecting the investment vehicles that are right for you. As a general rule of thumb, the higher the potential return on the investment, the higher the potential risk. In some cases, this means that an investment offering the potential for a double digit rate of return over time may also be subject to a high degree of volatility.

For younger savers, this volatility may be less important than the potential for growth because of the amount of time the assets will be invested. With fifteen or more years to go until retirement, baby boomers looking to build retirement assets are among the lucky ones with

time on their side. For these people, a growth-oriented portfolio is probably best. For Generation Xers, those with twenty years or more to accumulate retirement funds, a more aggressive investment approach may be in order.

Both of these groups still have to weather short term market fluctuations with an eye toward long term growth of capital. Equity investments, particularly growth oriented mutual funds, have historically offered the highest potential return over time. Keep in mind, of course, that past performance does not guarantee future results.

Since the stock market does not move in one direction, though, and investors closer to retirement age may not be willing to watch the value of their assets fluctuate with the movements of the stock market. For those investor, less volatile securities may be most appropriate.

The U.S. Treasury issued securities designed to protect investors from the risk of inflation. Rising prices can cut into the true value of a portfolio, particularly one that is conservatively invested in fixed income securities. These Treasury Inflation Protection Securities, or TIPS, if held to maturity, protect principal against inflation by indexing it to the Consumer Price Index for all urban con-

sumers.

This is just an example of the vehicles available to investors looking for the best way to grow retirement assets. Every investor is different, however, so it is a good idea to work with a professional financial advisor to help you set realistic goals and adequately articulate your personal preference for risk and return. Whichever investment you choose, you'll know that you will be putting your money to work for you...and your future financial security.

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Consumers, Editors identify important food safety issues

Des Moines, Iowa - Food safety remains a top issue to U.S. consumers, ranking among crime prevention and drinking water safety as public health concerns, according to a survey by CMF&Z Marketing Communications.

The annual survey, first conducted in 1993, measures consumer attitudes and editor perceptions of consumer opinions on a wide range of food safety issues. CMF&Z conducts the survey to assist its agriculture and food industry clients in identifying emerging issues and trends in food safety.

Eighty three percent of consumers questioned in the recently completed survey rated food safety as a "very important" public issue, up from 80 percent in 1995. Consumers ranked well below crime prevention, health and nutrition, and drinking water safety. Only 53 percent of food editors cited food safety as very important to their audiences. Editors rated food safety as less important to consumers this year than in 1995, while consumers ranked the issue as more important.

The top three reasons why consumers said food safety is a more important issue in 2000 were health consciousness, higher awareness of processing issues, and higher awareness of

food problems. The importance of food processing awareness surpassed awareness of food problems and bumped media information out of the top three in 2000. In 1999, 18 percent of consumers said food safety was more important because of greater awareness of processing issues; in 2000, the number jumped to 28 percent. Greater awareness of food problems dropped from 25 percent in 1999 to 20 percent in 2000, and more media information dropped from 25 percent to 15 percent.

"Consumers' concern about food safety is growing. With all the reported illnesses caused by food borne pathogen, consumers are paying more attention to their food," said Bill Brewer public relations vice president for CMF&Z.

The 2000 survey showed that bacteria, such as E. coli and salmonella, remain the top food safety issue among both consumers and editors. Ninety three percent of consumers and 87 percent of editors said they were "very concerned" about the risks posed by food borne pathogens.

The survey identified significant gaps between consumer attitudes and editor perceptions about the importance of food safety issues. For example, 87 percent of consumers said they are very concerned about hepa-

titis, and 84 percent said they were very concerned about pesticide residues in food. Only 51 percent of editors identified hepatitis and 52 percent identified pesticide residues as major concerns to consumers.

The survey also show a significant gap between editors' and consumers' opinions about how media coverage of food safety issues affects consumers. Eighty-eight percent of the consumers surveyed said they would adjust their food consumption or purchasing patterns based on negative media stories dealing with hepatitis, and 77 percent would take action after a negative story about pesticide residues. But only 68 percent of the editors surveyed said consumers would take action in response to negative stories about hepatitis, and less than one-half, 48 percent, said consumers would take action after seeing or hearing negative stories relating to pesticide residues.

The Internet is emerging as a source for food safety information. In 1999, 23 percent of consumers said they used the Internet to find food safety information, and 2 percent of consumer respondents

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Police-community picnic in park

By Rick Techman

In local identification with the U.S. National Night Out Against Crime, Chicago Police Beat 811 and its community policing program sponsored a "Picnic In The Park" at Wentworth Park last Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. Beat 811 and its affiliated Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy organization provided hot dogs, chips, soda and other condiments to about 400 residents who attended the picnic.

The picnic started with the roar of fire sirens as fire trucks rolled up to Wentworth Park to alert residents the picnic was about to begin. Several different law enforcement organizations displayed their various means of keeping law and order locally and throughout the city and county.

The Chicago Police Eighth District Bicycle team presented themselves as a reasonable alternative to foot patrols in the area. Also at the park to provide alternative patrols to squad cars were the Chicago Police Mounted Units. The horses, though quite friendly to the many guests, provided an indispensable service in protecting the residents of the city according to police.

Alderman Michael Zalewski (23) attended the picnic with many other community and civic leaders. Ever vigilant Jean Franczyk, President of the Garfield-Ridge Civic League said she enjoyed the picnic but still found room to critique the park district for ending the event almost an hour before the 8:00 p.m. close.

In an effort to protect the youth of our community, Cook County Sheriff Richard Sheahan provided both the Children's Finger Printing Unit and the D.A.R.E. Drug Awareness Trailer. The Drug Awareness trailer explained the hazards of doing drugs and ways to avoid them. The Children's Fingerprinting Unit took fingerprints of any child interested to provide instant identification of the youth in case of an unexpected circumstance.

Chicago City Clerk Jim Laski also contributed to the picnic by providing through his office the Kids Identification System (K.I.D.S.) to protect youth returning to school this month. The Cook County Forest Preserve Police also made a showing at the picnic by presenting their canine units. Beat 811 borders most of Garfield Ridge from 51st Street to 59th Street and Central Avenue to Harlem Avenue.



Residents pet the horses of the Chicago Police mounted unit at the Beat 811 picnic in Wentworth Park last week. Though the horses accept kind handling by many of the visitors, the horses are very valuable working animals. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)



A live jazz band played music to relax hundreds of listeners at no cost to the audience following the Police Beat 811 Picnic In The Park last week. A different jazz band appeared each of the three nights this summer that the music was offered to any resident interested in "mellowing-out" at the park. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)

The NFL Experience On Tour

Tickets are now on sale for the NFL Experience On Tour, a gigantic, interactive NFL-theme family festival, which will blitz through Chicago, September 7 - 10. The NFL Experience On Tour, which will take place under three enormous tents in Parking Lot K of Chicago's United Center, is bringing excitement and action of the National Football League to families across the country by capturing the spectacle of energy of game day.

In its inaugural season, the NFL Experience On Tour will visit 25 cities across America, beginning with its debut in St. Louis, Missouri, August 31 - September 3, and culminating February 15 - 18, 2001, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The \$5 million touring NFL family festival features; interactive features challenges that test various football skills of both a physical and mental nature; current and former player appearances and clinics; multimedia depictions of the excitement of game day; interpretive stories and exciting moments in NFL history, as well as food, souvenirs, and live entertainment. Fans who attend the NFL Experience On Tour can test their skills in a variety of football attractions in which they can run, throw, punt, kick and pass, just like the pros.

The NFL Experience On Tour has adopted the theme "Inside the Pocket" this year to capture the values of leadership embodied in the NFL quarterback. The NFL Experience On Tour takes families onto the sidelines, into the huddle and inside the passer's pocket to meet the storied NFL quarterbacks. Additional event attractions will include clinics and demonstrations, athlete autographs and a trading card and memorabilia display area. At the display area, die-hard collectors

and the casual fan alike will be able to view and purchase the finest in collectible merchandise.

The NFL Experience On Tour is born from the success of the Super Bowl NFL Experience. Produced by the National Football League, the NFL Experience has played to more than one million fans since its debut at Super Bowl XXVI in Minneapolis. Partnering with the NFL in this ambitious family entertainment venture are On Tour, LLC, part of Super Entertainment Group, and renowned sports agent Leigh Steinberg.

The NFL Experience On Tour will be open from 4 to 10 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are available at all Ticket Master outlets, and online www.ticketmaster.com. To order on tickets by phone, call (312) 559-1212. Ticket prices are \$17.50 for adults and kids age 15 and older, and \$13.50 for children 4 to 14. Tickets purchased through Ticket Master are subject to a service charge.

On Opening Day, Thursday, September 7, all tickets will be available for \$10.50. Family passes of four tickets for \$50 are available for admission on Friday, September 8, and before noon on Saturday, September 9, and Sunday, September 10.

Open invitation to the Community

HCR/Manor Care at 6300 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, will have a demonstration of the canine unit of the Sheriff's Department on August 23rd at 2:30 p.m. on the front lawn. Plan to join the residents and staff as we enjoy the canine unit put through their paces.

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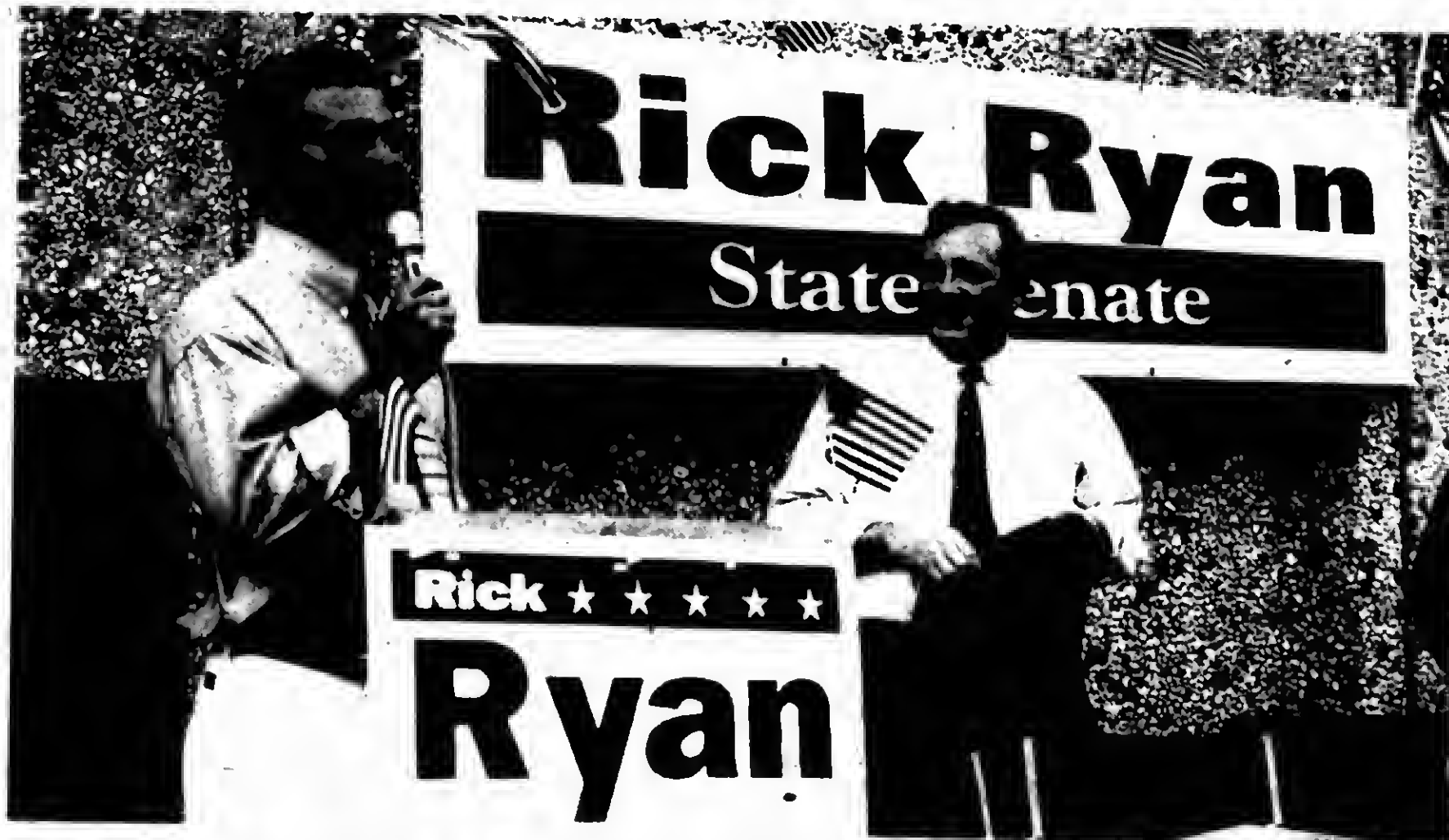
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Rick Ryan, Evergreen Park, democratic candidate for State Senate in the 18th District on stage with US Senator Dick Durbin at the rally.

Rick Ryan begins his campaign for senate

Senator Dick Durbin on his campaign to help Rick Ryan in his election stated, "I have known Rick for many years since he has volunteered for me. It was in 1996 when I encouraged him to run for senate in the year 2000. I'm happy he took my advice. This is a high priority race."

In Alsip, at the Sprinkler Fitter Union Hall on stage, Rick Ryan stated he owed alot to his mother and father Vivian and Dick Ryan, formerly of Oak Lawn, currently of Palos Heights, who encouraged him to get involved in politics. He also thanked his wife and family for all of their help and publicly said, "I love you" to his wife. What a guy! Rick and his family live in Evergreen Park and his running mate Rep. Jim Brosnahan attended the rally and was also on stage.

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Worth Township

The next Worth Township Senior Meeting will be on Friday, Sept. 8, 2000 in the gym of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip. We will be entertained by Square Dancers and there will be refreshments. The meeting starts at 1 p.m.

O'Malley takes aim

State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) is taking aim at convicted felons who illegally carry guns.

O'Malley is sponsoring in the Senate an Illinois State Crime Commission initiative that will establish a mandatory five year prison sentence

for convicted felons found in possession of firearms. The "Project Exile Illinois" bill is modeled after a highly successful program in Richmond, Virginia, where all felons with guns are federally prosecuted and sentenced to a minimum mandatory sen-

Highlights from Chicago Ridge

by Jude Coyle

It was announced at the August 8 Chicago Ridge Village Board Meeting that Cook County has approved a block grant in the amount of \$109,500. This will cover most of the cost of street reconstruction on Ridgemont Lane from 105th to Major, and Parkside, from 109th to Pleasant. Chicago Ridge's part of this will be \$21,800. The Village began accepting bids on 8/10.

The Board of Trustees approved a 50/50 split with Our Lady of the Ridge for the replacement of sidewalk. What is planned will be wider than the existing sidewalk. Also, in honor of Our Lady of the Ridge's 50th Anniversary, the Village will purchase a full page

ad in O.L.O.R. Commemorative Ad Book.

A business license was granted for Underground Station, which will be located in the Mall.

James Wierenowski was hired to the position of paid on call firefighter. Firefighters Hoffmeister & Klingensmith will attend fire apparatus school. Also the police department will hire two crossing guards.

tence of five years in prison.

Senate Bill 1966 calls for the Illinois State Police to establish a Project Exile Program to combat gun violence. The State Police will work with local law enforcement agencies to encourage the prosecution in federal court of all persons who illegally use, attempt to use, or threaten to use firearms against the person or property of another. Also targeted will be persons who use or possess a firearm in connection with illegal drug crimes or in connection with cases involving domestic violence orders of protection, or in connection with a battery offense.

The persons prosecuted in federal court may also be

Vlasis advocates "Catch and Release"

Pat Vlasis Republican Candidate for State Representative - 36th District encourages all to practice "catch and release." In July, Vlasis caught 17 bass from 2-5 lbs in one afternoon of fishing on Moccasin Lake near Walker, Minnesota. All fish were quickly released for others to catch in the future. Pictured with Vlasis is John Dainsberg, former supervisor of In-Fisherman's Camp Fish. "The joy of fishing is enjoying our natural resources with family and friends. An occasional fish meal of Walleye, Northern or other good eating fish is great but the vast majority of caught fish (especially bass) should be released to fight another day."

prosecuted in Illinois, and any sentence imposed will be served consecutive to, and not concurrent with, any sentence imposed by the federal court for the federal violation.

O'Malley says Illinois has a new law that cracks down on persons who buy firearms intending to give them to others who are legally forbidden to own guns. Sponsored by O'Malley, Senate Bill 234 was signed into law in 1999 and took effect Jan. 1, 2000. The new law calls for time behind bars for those convicted of knowingly buying a gun for someone who cannot qualify for a FOID (Firearm Owners' Identification) card, which is necessary to buy a gun in Illinois.

Penalties range from a Class 4 felony (one to three years in prison) to a Class X felony (six to 30 years in prison), depending on the number of guns bought and over what time period. It will also be illegal to provide false information on a federal firearm's transaction record form, with a penalty of up to \$250,000.

To qualify for a FOID card in Illinois, a person must be older than 21; have no prior felony convictions; have no prior convictions within a five year period for domestic related violence with a gun; not be addicted to drugs; not have been a patient in a mental institution within the past five years; and not be mentally disabled.

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Explore & Soar the Children's Museum

Like the soaring kite depicted on its newly designed logo, the fledgling Children's Museum in Oak Lawn has truly taken flight.

Thanks to a substantial grant obtained by several local politicians and generous contributions from area business leaders, the initial \$200,000 goal has already surpassed the twenty five percent level within weeks of the fund-raising committee's inception.

According to a media advisory prepared by Reporter newspaper journalist and Children's Museum Marketing and Promotions Committee member Iva-Marie Palmer, State Senator Patrick J. O'Malley (R-18, Palos Park) and State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-36, Evergreen Park) have secured two separate grants, each in the amount of \$25,000.

The funds, administered under the auspices of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) will provide a much needed boost to the museum.

The costs to convert the diminutive field house at 9610 East Lake Shore Drive, Oak Lawn into a hands-on, interactive children's museum have been estimated to be at least \$200,000. The museum organizers received approval last April from the Oak Lawn Park District to utilize the vacant structure for a two year period.

Both O'Malley and Brosnahan have stressed the funding should not be solely dependent on State contributions. "I am confident, after witnessing the generosity and enthusiasm of our major

contributors, the public will want to match those funds," O'Malley stated.

"We want as many people as possible to be part of this great community-minded initiative that will enhance educational opportunities for our children and the quality of life for our residents," O'Malley added.

Brosnahan, who along with O'Malley is up for reelection this November, stated he has received a favorable response to the Children's Museum during his campaign walks throughout the district.

"The museum has already been well received throughout the community, and now that residents see it has gotten off the ground at the state level, it should encourage them to donate," Brosnahan explained.

"The museum is something that will benefit the community, giving families a place to go and children a place to learn," Brosnahan added.

Financial support by local businesses is also encouraging.

On August 12th, Joann and Jim Buschbach, owners of J. Buschbach Insurance and World Travel in Oak Lawn, contributed \$10,000 to the museum. Both Joann and Jim are also active on various museum committees.

Lisa Hawkinson, community relations director of Hawkinson Ford, presented a check for \$1,000 to cover the basic amount required by law to qualify for not-for-profit status.

**Freedom is a system
based on courage.**
—Charles Péguy



Standing from Left: Amanda Baltimore, Norlene Burrow, Michelle Bradbery, Kelly O'Hara, Frank Citro; Kneeling: Jennifer Lenihan and Chris O'Hara, met at O'Hare Airport barely knowing each other to depart for Hamilton, Ontario. They became friends and learned to work as a team during the five day IOF Leadership Institute as well as learning other leadership skills.



Michelle Bradbery of Oak Lawn, receives a \$1,000 scholarship check from Barb Lenihan Chief Ranger of IOF Court Harvey 1076. Bradbery's hard work and dedication to her academic and community activities, not only earned her the IOF scholarship, but also a five day trip to Hamilton, Ontario to end the first ever IOF Leadership Institute.

Local teens attend Leadership Conference

While their peers spent the last few weeks of summer vacation laying by the pool, seven area teenagers embarked on a journey to become better leaders.

Amanda Baltimore (Palos Hills), Michelle Bradbery (Oak Lawn), Norlene Burrow (Orland Park), Frank Citro (Alsip), Jennifer Lenihan (Chicago), Chris O'Hara (Lynwood) and Kelly O'Hara (Lynwood) attended the first ever IOF Youth Leadership Institute conference in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, July 8-13. These teenagers joined 75 other young leaders age 16-24 from Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom participated in the conference titled *Dare to Lead, Dare to Soar*.

The IOF Youth Leadership Institute was designed by the IOF to provide a learning environment in which its youth members can hone skills they will need to make a difference in their community. IOF is a member focused organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of its members and their communities.

Activities for the week included skill development

workshops, leadership training and keynote speakers. A day was also dedicated to community service. The youth delegates contributed time and talent to local charities such as Boys' and Girls' Club, Big Brothers, Easter Seal Society and The Equestrian Association for the Disabled. Bradbery's group did face painting at a local shopping center to raise funds for Easter Seals while Baltimore, Burrow and Lenihan painted a Big Brother community center.

IOF Court Harvey Chief Ranger Barb Lenihan chose the local youths, all members of IOF Court Harvey, because of their service to school, community, and the IOF. Bradbery is also recipient of one of three Court Harvey College Scholarships this year.

"I know all of these young people will set a standard of giving back to the community that we can all aspire to," said Lenihan. "I am particularly pleased that they will be putting into practice with local community service organizations what they learned at the Youth Leadership Institute."

Throughout the week the

students attended classes that would help build skills important in leadership and other tasks. Courses included public speaking, personality traits, writing skills, and even website design. The youths were also divided into two groups and responsible for making a group presentation. The group project focused on event planning and challenged them to pull together with strangers to complete the task said Jennifer Lenihan.

"I liked the team work and working on the group project," said Lenihan. "Some nights we stayed up late to get it done, but it was worth it."

Of course the week was not all work and no play. "There were the parties, the amazing parties," said Chris O'Hara. He said at the first party they exchanged business cards with their email addresses. "It was awesome there was a contest going on to see if you could get the most cards and by the end of the night you had met just about everyone there," O'Hara said.

Other nights included, a luau and a "Raid the Fridge" pajama party complete with

junk food. "In high school we had dress up days and only a few on student council got into it, but here everyone was excited," Bradbery said. "Everyone was wearing a Hawaiian shirt, and Frank Citro even wore an inner tube around his waist for the beach party and Jenni Lenihan had curlers in her hair at the pajama party."

As much as the parties were fun, these teens are true leaders and enjoyed the learning as well. Bradbery said the day she most enjoyed was the community service day and Chris O'Hara said the speakers inspired him.

"I always felt I had the ambition to be a leader, but now I have the skills to do it," said Chris O'Hara.

Keynote speakers for the conference included Julie Evans, CEO of Youth Helping Youth, Inc., a non profit organization dedicated to empowering youth through service, leadership and mentoring; Danny Seo, age 22, an internationally renowned activist, author, public speaker and founder of Earth@00; and Michael "Pinball" Clemens, renowned as one of Canadian football's most electrifying players.

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Chicago Ridge to dedicate the Eugene Siegel Municipal Complex

by Jude Coyle
On Saturday after Thanksgiving, the Village of Chicago Ridge will dedicate the Eugene Siegel Municipal Complex. Located at 105th and Ridgeland is a magnificent edifice that will hopefully serve the Village for many years to come. And just maybe, it represents the final chapter in a long story of how a Village picked itself up and shook off a shaky past.

Do you remember driving through Chicago Ridge about 25 years ago? They called it the 'Village of Patriotism'. The coffers were empty. The roads crumbled beneath car tires, and children walked in the streets because there were no sidewalks. There were no curbs nor storm sewers. Rain water drained into ditches at the side of the roads. To make matters worse, the entire Village Board was indicted for corruption.

A lot has changed since then. According to Mayor Eugene Siegel, the best thing to happen to Chicago Ridge was when the residents voted to make it a home rule community. This allowed the Village to collect a 1/4 of a cent sales tax on everything sold within the Village limits. When the Chicago Ridge Mall opened in 1981, that 1/4 of a cent added up.

No longer are the streets crumbling. Sidewalks, curbs and gutters have been built, and so have storm sewers. The Police Department has doubled in size, the Fire Department has hired full time paramedics, and the Village has hired a full time youth counsellor. The new Municipal Complex on Ridgeland is a gem that outshines its counterparts in other communities. Financially, the Village is in great shape. It maintains a tax surplus, of which 60% is rebated to the residents annually. Oh, and that motto has changed, too. Chicago Ridge is the Village 'Where People Count.'

In 1975, Eugene Siegel was a 19 year resident, husband, father, and Assistant Chief Deputy of the Fifth District. His employer, Sheriff Richard J. Elrod, encouraged him to run for Mayor. He did, and he won. He served two

years remaining in the term of his predecessor, and six terms besides.

With the exception of Attorney George Witeous, and the Village engineer, every member of the Board to be elected in '75 were new. And maybe because they were, they didn't realize the huge job they had before them. Mayor Siegel commented that he's always had a good working Board. 'No mayor can do it alone.'

Besides the obvious, Mayor Siegel and the Village Board developed the first D.A.R.E. program in the area. They were instrumental in establishing the Southwest Dispatch, and in restricting the sale of laser pointers to kids under the age of 18. According to Mayor Siegel, the Village was contacted by municipalities from all over the Country, and by other legislative bodies, asking for copies of that ordinance.

'Our problems don't end at our borders,' Mayor Siegel said. 'And one mayor can't solve all the problems.' By being involved in many municipal organizations, mayors

can band together and push legislation that State officials and Congressmen might not otherwise support.

Mayor Siegel serves as Vice President and is part of the Legislative Committee of the Illinois Municipal League. 1200 communities are involved. He is a member of the Southwest Conference of Mayors, and the Southwest Conference of Local Government. He was appointed to the Chicago Cook County Justice Commission by Cook County Commissioner John Dunne and former Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne. This was formed when Congress passed the Safe Street Act. Mayor Siegel represents the Southwest Area on the Chicago Area Transportation Study Executive Board. He is a member of the Chicago Midway Task Force, and a member of the Cook County Block Grant Advisory Board.

Mayor Siegel's public life has touched four decades, although his background prior to his first election doesn't seem to

be one that would lend itself to his current position. He grew up at 55th and Pulaski, in Chicago, attended St. Turbious Grammar School and Gage Park High School. He also attended the National School of Naprapathy. Naprapathy is similar to chiropractic. He didn't finish, but because of his knowledge of anatomy, in 1963, he was hired as Deputy Cook County Coroner by Dr. Andrew J. Thoman. The Coroner's Office later became known as the Medical Examiner's Office. As Deputy Coroner, Mayor Siegel acted as hearing officer. He was called into work on famous cases like the Richard Speck murders, the Oak Lawn Tomado and the Black Panthers' Raid, and hundreds of others. He worked for Sheriff Richard J. Elrod as Supervisor, and Assistant Chief Deputy of the Fifth District from '70 to '86.

Mayor Siegel is the father of four, and the grandfather of four. Sadly, his wife, Virginia, passed away four years ago.



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For further information, phone 422-8776.

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Illinois Rules of the Road Class

The Illinois Rules of the Road Class, a program sponsored by the Secretary of State, is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at the Community Center.

A representative from the Secretary of State's Office will review current driving laws. The course prepares applicants for the Illinois driver's license renewal examination. The course is free to everyone -- any age.

Long Grove Apple Festival

The Palos Hills and Parks and Recreation Department is offering a trip to Long Grove for their Apple Festival on Friday, September 29,

Transportation will leave the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd St. at 9:00 a.m. and return approximately at 5:30 p.m.

OCS Fall Las Vegas Trip

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Annual Senior Volunteers Awards Luncheon

Make your reservations now for the Annual Senior Volunteers Awards Luncheon, sponsored by the Senior Citizens' Council of Evergreen Park, which will be held Friday, September 22, at 12:00 noon in the H.B. Maher Community Center, Room 107. Tickets (\$6.50) must be obtained by September 15.

Outstanding senior volunteers from the area will be honored during the awards presentation following the luncheon. For more information call 422-8776.

Craft Show and Rummage Sale

Join the Craft Group at the H.B. Maher Community Center. The multi talented ladies meet every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. The friendly group welcomes newcomers.

The Craft Group is busy working for the next event Bazaar/Rummage Sale. The Craft Show will be held Saturday, October 14, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Items on sale will include holiday decorations and items for children. Refreshments will be served. Donations for the rummage sale would be appreciated and can be dropped off at the Community Center the week of Oct. 2, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the craft and rummage sale support future craft class projects, as well as provide a source of revenue for donations to charitable organizations.

For more information call 422-8776.

Octoberfest

The Senior Citizens' Council of Evergreen Park will host an Octoberfest luncheon on Friday, October 20. The luncheon is held in conjunction with the monthly council meeting at 11:00 a.m.; luncheon at noon. Menu: Brats, German potato salad, coleslaw, dessert/coffee. Tickets are \$5. Deadline for tickets -- October 16.

This luncheon/meeting is open to all Evergreen Park residents. It is intended to introduce newcomers to the Senior Council.



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For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: When things look really great we tend to begin taking things for-granted. Don't do that. Good, better, best, never let it rest till your good is better and your better is best! Keep on improving! D aids.

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: You have not been very good at trusting in your own talents, but, soon you can know how much you have given to others in the way of earning "their trust!"

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: A friend says, "let's do it!" Okay, if all things look right to you go with your first thoughts and start the project. You come out well if you take the lead. A aids.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: D and R involved in family discussions. Perhaps you haven't been as helpful as you could have been. Remember, what goes around comes around? It does!

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: When it comes to being a help, you know no boundaries. People know this about you, but more importantly, you know this about you. Congrats! It may be time to write a book or keep a journal. M aids.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Special people in high places seem to be attracted to you and your needs. L involved and S too. It is time also to move onto new things. You'll smile a lot.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: There are higher planes that can be reached through meditation and prayer. You seem to be able to tap into those higher powers. This is called the "silent knowing." R and Pisces, another Scorpio and a Libra involved. Together you are a good team!

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St. Albert Phoenix Group's Speaker Night

The St. Albert Phoenix Group would like to invite everyone to their speaker night on Tuesday, September 12, 2000. The speaker will be Rev. Gerry Oosterveen. Rev. Oosterveen will speak on "Coping with the Holidays." He is the Manager of Pastoral Services at Christ Hospital and Medical Center.

A Presbyterian, Rev. Oosterveen has been a guest speaker on numerous occasions and has appeared on several radio and television programs.

The doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will start at 8:00 p.m. at St. Albert the Great, 5555 S. State Road, Burbank. Further information can be obtained by calling Deacon Ken at (708) 458-8923 or Tom and Marianne (708) 499-5377.



School Days

What memories do you have of attending school in Mt. Greenwood? The Mt. Greenwood Historical Society is offering the opportunity to preserve your memories in a booklet commemorating the 95th anniversary of Mt. Greenwood's incorporation as a village. Pick up an anniversary questionnaire at the Mt. Greenwood Historical Society's tent at the "Party in the Park" held on Saturday, Sept. 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Mt. Greenwood Park, 3721 W. 111th St. or call Janet McBride at (773) 881-8168 to request a questionnaire.

Social Security provides Savings Guide to Retirement

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You will receive your Statement in the mail every year about three months before your birthday. It is an important person document and should be used for your financial planning and to keep track of your earnings under Social Security.

The other tool, the Social Security Retirement Planner, can be found on Social Security's website at www.ssa.gov. It will allow you to:

*calculate your retirement

New exhibits in the Oak Lawn Library display case

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 West 95th Street, will host two exhibits on their first floor community display cases throughout September.

The Southwest Symphony Orchestra will promote upcoming concerts and display photographs of the orchestra and guest performers.

The Beverly Hills Embroiderer's Guild will share needlepointed, cross-stitched and quilted handicrafts created by their members.

Individuals and local community groups interested in exhibiting special collections, activities and creative works may pick up a display case application at their Reception Booth, first floor. Reservations are now being accepted for 2001.

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, Public Relations Officer, at (708)422-4990.

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Antigen screenings at St. Francis

September is Cholesterol Awareness Month and to help promote good health, Saint Francis Hospital and Health Center will offer cholesterol and prostate specific antigen screenings at \$25 each.

The cholesterol analysis includes total cholesterol, HDL and LDL cholesterol, triglycerides and blood glucose level. A 12-hour fast is required for cholesterol screenings. Results will be mailed.

On October 3rd, St. Francis Hospital will host a Cholesterol Results Explanation meeting (bring your results to the meeting). To register for this meeting, please call (708)385-4433.

Men 50 and older should have annual prostate screenings. The prostate screening will accurately detect early warning signs of possible prostate problems. Appointments are necessary and can be scheduled at any of the following locations or by calling (708)385-4433:

St. Francis Hospital & Health center 12935 Gregory Street in Blue Island; Orland Township Activity Center 15100 94th Ave in Orland Park; or Franklin Roebe Rec Center 14650 Ravinia in Orland Park.

Burbank Park District registration dates

Registration for all Burbank Park District programs begin on Monday, August 28, 2000 for residents and Wednesday, September 6, 2000 for non residents.

Burbank Park District has openings for Preschool and Playschool. The following is a list of available classes (please call 708-599-2070 for updated information).

Preschool - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 8:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday; 8:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Playschool - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Burbank Park District is proud to offer a variety of dance classes for the whole family. Jazz, tap, ballet, swing, country line dancing and much more is what you will find in our fall programming. For more information, please call (708) 599-2070.

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District offers senior citizens free admission to all school events

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The card grants them free admission to all athletic events, concerts and plays. Over the past 10 years, hundreds of area senior citizens have received cards.

To receive a card and calendar of events, senior citizens should call Bob McParland at (708) 424-2000, ext. 522.

Special Speaker comes to Special Group

The Oak Lawn M.S. Self Help Support Group will host a special meeting for family and friends of those affected by someone with multiple sclerosis on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Park District's Oakview Center, located at 4625 W. 110th St. in Oak Lawn.

This educational meeting will feature Daniel Wynn, M.D., of Consultants in Neurology, Ltd. Dr. Wynn is affiliated with the University of Chicago Hospital, Highland Park Hospital and Weiss Memorial Hospital. The meeting will have a question and answer format with group discussions on M.S. related issues. Light refreshments will be served. All interested individuals are invited to attend, says Mary Ellen Tinman, co-facilitator of the support group.

The Oak Lawn based group meets regularly on the third Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Oakview Center. In addition to guest speakers,

such as therapists, medical professionals, and transportation and equipment experts, members of the group, says Tinman, share news, information and laughter. "All of this is designed to help us cope with this unique and intimidating disease," she says.

According to David Noren, co-facilitator of the group, members also meet socially to go bowling, take trips, and attend art fairs and baseball games.

"Anyone whose life is affected by M.S. be they patient, caregiver, family member or friend, can benefit from spending some time with our group," says Noren.

For more information on the support group or the upcoming special meeting, please call Tinman at (708) 424-1407 or Noren at (708) 389-2774.

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The Smothers Brothers to perform at Drury Lane Oakbrook

The Smothers Brothers, Tom and Dick, will bring their unique blend of comedy and music to the Drury Lane Oakbrook stage for five performances between October 6 and October 8, 2000. Marking over 42 years in show business, their lengthy career has surpassed all other comedy teams in history. Such lasting power is a testimonial to the intuitive humor, natural warmth, superlative showmanship and unadulterated joy they bring to audiences of all ages.

The Brothers made their national debut on "The Tonight Show" in 1959 and rose in popularity during the folk singing 60's. Television, with its old guard comics, was ripe for a change and in stepped the Smothers Brothers, appearing as guests on numerous shows. Soon they got their own show, "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour." Tom was cast as the childlike, sincere bungler and Dick as the perfect foil or straight man. Over four decades of audiences have seen them in their own prime time comedy series in both the 1960's and 1980's, guest appearances on numerous television programs and talk shows, countless engagements as headliners in Las Vegas, a hot selling

video, and continuous coast to coast concert tours, as well as a host of other accomplishments.

An addition to their act over the last several years, and continuing at Drury Lane Oakbrook, will be the appearance of the "Yo-Yo Man." The character evolved when Tom Smothers realized he could still perform the yo-yo tricks he learned as a child. A highlight of the evening, especially for any children in the audience, will be the perfectly silent "Yo-Yo Man" performing string spinning feats that have inspired an instructional video by Kodak and numerous yo-yo clubs around the country.

Tickets for The Smothers Brothers Concert may be obtained by phone through the Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre Box Office at (630) 530-0111, or TicketMaster at (312) 902-1500. In person, tickets may be purchased at the Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre Box Office or any Ticket Master outlet. Show times are Friday, October 6 at 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 7 at 5:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 8 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets range in price from \$28 to \$30 and dinner/show packages range from \$41.75 to \$44.75. The theatre is wheelchair accessible and free parking is adjacent to the theatre.

Get a grip on Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

Typing, knitting or needlework; carpentry work or cutting -- if you engage in any of these activities on a daily basis, for work or pleasure, you could be at risk for developing carpal tunnel syndrome, a repetitive strain injury caused by a pinched nerve in the wrist.

Computer keyboard use is one source of the increase in work related repetitive strain injuries in recent years. The symptoms of carpal tunnel syndrome include:

- *Numbness, tingling and pain in the thumb, index, middle and/or ring fingers that often gets worse at night.

- *Pain that shoots from the hand up the arm as far as the shoulder.

- *A swollen feeling in the fingers although they may not appear swollen.

For the more than 2,000,000 Americans who seek traditional surgical relief for carpal tunnel syndrome, there's good news. The Chicago Institute for Minimally Invasive Surgery at St. Francis Hospital offers the endoscopic carpal tunnel release procedure.

"The procedure is performed through a small incision, at the level of the wrist avoiding an incision in the

palm," explains Alfonso Mejia, II, MD, orthopedic hand specialist and member of CIMIS. "The recovery is faster and has less discomfort with the endoscopic technique."

"Initially, carpal tunnel patients are treated with activity modification, carpal tunnel specific exercises, medications, splints, and in some cases injections. If these measures do not relieve the patient's symptoms, surgery may be needed."

CIMIS will host a free seminar, "Get a Grip on Carpal Tunnel Syndrome," on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the new Pronger Smith Medical Care facility, 17495 S. LaGrange Rd., Tinley Park. For more information about the endoscopic carpal tunnel release procedure or to register for the free seminar, call (888) 250-2525.

Great Books Group meets at the Oak lawn Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library Great Books Group meets every second and fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. to discuss and interpret some of the Western Civilization's greatest literary works. Meetings are held in the lower level meeting room of the library, located at 5300 West 95th Street, from September through May.

Universities to plan the future of Fermilab

Governor George H. Ryan announced today that the Illinois Board of Higher Education has approved \$2.5 million in funding for a portion of his VentureTECH initiative that will help plan the future of the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia.

The grant, awarded through the Higher Education Cooperation Act, will enable five Illinois universities, led by the Illinois Institute of Technology, to plan for Fermilab's future and to develop new roles for the facility.

This project is part of Ryan's VentureTECH program, a five year, \$2 billion initiative designed to upgrade the state's high technology infrastructure in the 21st Century.

"Fermilab is the crown jewel of the nation's advanced physics research program and a main element in our drive to make Illinois a leader in high technology," Ryan said. "We need to plan now for the future of Fermilab so we can demonstrate to the rest of the country what a valuable tool this facility is to science and to our economy."

With the grant, the universities will work with Fermilab

staff to develop a case for making the laboratory the home of new accelerator technology used in advanced physics research.

Three options for Fermilab's future include the installation and use of a "large linear electron positron collider, a "very large hadron collider" or a "muon collider," machines that study the workings and interaction of various molecular particles. The grant will help fund preliminary research into the technical needs and potential benefits of new accelerator research for Fermilab and for science in general.

The other Illinois universities receiving the grant are the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Northwestern University, Northern Illinois University, and the University of Chicago. The IBHE approved 148 grants under the Higher Education Cooperation Act totaling \$21 million. The grants are awarded annually to Illinois colleges and universities to work cooperatively on projects that enhance student recruitment, learning, research, workforce training and economic development.

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(NAPS)—When it comes to free enterprise, the one that doesn't come free is success.

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Fortunately, since 1991 the world's largest and fastest growing non-profit education organization has been involved in this transition, building partnerships in Russia between business and education. The purpose of this venture has been to help Russian students understand the workings of a free-market economy.

Recently this program, Junior Achievement Russia, reached a milestone in the form of an 18-year-old student named Kirill Atamanov. Atamanov became the one-millionth student educated by the program.

Said Atamanov, "Junior Achievement (JA) has changed my life. Before I started JA I practically knew nothing about economics or business. While studying I realized that economics and entrepreneurship are what I'd like to connect my career with."

Atamanov believes the suc-

cess of the Junior Achievement program in Russia can best be measured by the ever-increasing number of participants in its training programs. He also stated that JA has a key role to play in recreating the once lost spirit



The Junior Achievement program in Russia recently graduated its one millionth student.

of entrepreneurship and enterprise in Russia.

This sentiment was echoed by Sam Taylor, Chief Staff Officer of Junior Achievement International. Said Taylor, "Reform takes time. Investing in the economic literacy of Russian youth is helping to ensure Russia's transition to a market based economy."

Junior Achievement International is responsible for developing and serving JA programs in 106 countries outside the United States. In

the United States, JA reaches 3.5 million students through a network of more than 160 area offices. Over 30 million students have benefited from Junior Achievement programs since 1919.

For more information call 1-800 THE NEW JA (1-800-843-6395) or write JA National Headquarters, One Education Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. You can also visit the JA Web site at www.ja.org or contact the nearest Junior Achievement office.

Get an early start in college applications

College bound high school students who want to apply to colleges early can take the ACT Assessment on October 28, 2000, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is Sept. 22. Late registration postmark deadline is Oct. 6 (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can also register online at www.act.org.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. The test fee is \$23. A student's ACT scores are considered by colleges for admissions and

course placement, along with several other important factors including high school GPA, college prep courses taken in high school, extra-curricular activities, personal background and other information.

To learn more about the ACT Assessment, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school counselor or go to the ACT website. The website also has helpful information,

sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials.

Lake Katherine has craft fair

Lake Katherine Nature Preserve is please to present the Arts and Crafts Fair as one of the central features of

the Eighth Annual Monarch Butterfly Festival. Simultaneous events will include food concessions, live music, and a variety of indoor and outdoor activities for adults and children.

The event takes place Sunday, September 17, 2000 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Interested crafters please contact Wendy at the Lake Katherine Nature Preserve.

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Pointers For Parents

Back-To-Sports

(NAPS)—This back-to-school season is all about back-to-sports for today's active children. Whether running bases in the ballpark, playing games in the school yard or shooting hoops with friends, boys and girls alike are involved in some sort of physical or athletic activity during the school year.

It's not surprising then that sports would influence today's fashions. In fact, athletic footwear and apparel are one of this season's "must-haves" to balance your children's fall wardrobe while keeping up with their active and energetic schedules.

"Sports continue to dominate and influence kids' fashions for this back-to-school season," said Mike Tilbrook, VP, Footwear, Kids Foot Locker. "This year, look for basketball and running styles in varied shades of blue and pink to be the hottest footwear items in your child's closet."

Whatever activity your child enjoys, here's a look at the key footwear styles to sport this fall.

Running Around
Get your child "tuned in" to the latest trends in running fashions with the **Nike Tuned Air** running shoe with Kids Foot Locker's exclusive wave design. Available in midnight navy and baseball blue with hints of gold, this shoe is the perfect choice to complete any athletic look or to be worn for after-school activities.

For another great look that will have your child setting trends on the playgrounds, try the **adidas Harmony** running shoe in navy and slate blue. This shoe features a sleek design that's sure to make a fashion statement.

Basketball Bound
Your children will be shooting hoops and running circles around the competition with the **Reebok 55th Mid and Rooftop Low** basketball shoes. Named after famous outdoor basketball courts, the Blacktop footwear collection, found at Kids Foot Locker, will have your children looking good while giving them added support for

fancy footwork on the outdoor court.

Children can also hit the hardwood in style with the **Nike Triple Double** basketball shoe in white with navy trim or black and white. This shoe offers great styling and is perfect for the classroom or gym.

Basics
Keeping in step with the athletic-inspired trends, kids today prefer to sport casual, comfortable clothing and footwear that makes them look and feel good. The **DKNY Basic Athletic Shoe (BAS)** in blue for boys and pink for girls will help them make their mark. The leather upper, with mesh trim and striping on the sides, is sure to grab attention.

To complete the look, try **Kids Foot Locker's exclusive lined rip-stop nylon windpants** in an assortment of colors, including navy, black, charcoal, pink and carolina blue with matching **crew neck cotton t-shirts** in vivid shades of navy, black, heather gray, orange zest, pink, lilac, lime and more. The t-shirts also coordinate with elastic waist **cotton shorts** available in matching colors in a longer basketball-length for boys and a shorter gym-length for girls. These basic pieces offer great value and comfort for any activity or sport.

Kids Foot Locker, with more than 400 stores in the United States, is the leading athletic footwear and apparel retailer exclusively for children. For store locations, call 1-800-613-KIDS or visit www.footlocker.com.

Poetry is a way of taking life by the throat.
—Robert Frost

NEWS OF NUTRITION

Tips To Help Kids Eat Healthier

(NAPS)—Getting children to eat healthier may be easier with a few helpful morsels from the experts.

Dr. Jay Gordon, MD, Fellow of The American Academy of Pediatrics and author of *Good Food Today, Great Kids Tomorrow*, suggests the following tips to boost nutrition:

- Make meal times fun and try your best to pretend you don't care if they don't eat the meal you planned. If a child doesn't eat his string beans—ask if you can have one. Set good examples.

- Remember that children's eating habits don't change overnight, but they can change over time. When mealtime becomes a battleground, kids begin to dread dinner and eat less of the foods they need.

- Keep wholesome foods around the house—more whole grains and fresh fruits and vegetables—fewer processed and refined grains and foods that contain a lot of sugar. Eating healthy is a habit and having healthy foods around the house encourages it.

- Talk about good nutrition and why it's important. A good analogy is that we take care of our cars so they can take us places we want to go. We must also take care of our body. Gasoline is to a car, as good nutrition is to the body—it keeps us running.

- Calcium plays a critical role in children's nutrition. Childhood through adolescence is a critical period for



Chewable vitamins can serve as an insurance policy to ensure that kids get the proper nutrition.

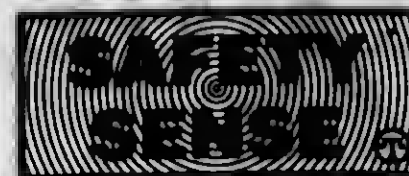
growth—especially bone development. Most bone mass develops during this time period.

- According to the daily values set by the Food & Drug Administration, children under 4 years of age should have 800 milligrams of calcium daily; children over 4 years of age and adults should have 1,000 milligrams of calcium daily.

Sundown's Pokémon Vitamins, for example, not only provide extra calcium, but are sugar and aspartame free, which means many parents will consider them a smart choice.

Kids may also be more likely to take them because the vitamins come in assorted fruit flavors and are shaped like their favorite Pokémon characters including Pikachu and Charmander.

Chewable vitamins can serve as an insurance policy to ensure that kids are getting the important nutrients. Find vitamins that include B vitamins, calcium and iron. Buy vitamins that taste good and have child appeal.



Your Child: Fire Chief?

(NAPS)—Does your child dream of wearing a red fire helmet, riding in a dashing fire truck and being a hero? Ace Hardware will make this firefighter dream come true for one lucky child who knows why home safety is important by naming him or her Home Safe Home Junior Fire Chief. Ace will award the Junior Fire Chief a \$5,000 scholarship to launch Home Safe Home, an educational campaign at participating Ace stores throughout the month of October to help children and parents work together to make their homes safer.

Beginning August 15, children across the country who are under the age of 14 will have a chance to earn the Home Safe Home Junior Fire Chief distinction by explaining in 50 words or less why home safety is important for them and their family. Representatives from the American Red Cross, the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Ace Hardware Corporation and Lou "Mr. Fix-It" Manfredini of OurHouse.com, Ace's e-commerce partners, will judge the contest. Not only will the winner receive a \$5,000 scholarship, but also the winning child's parents will receive a \$1,000 Ace gift certificate to use toward home safety products and supplies.

Five runners-up will be selected and named Home Safe Home Junior Fire Chiefs-for-a-Day in their hometowns. Parents of the runners-up will receive \$500 Ace gift certificates.

All entries must be mailed to "Home Safe Home" Essay Contest, P.O. Box 8766, New Milford, CT 06766-8766 and postmarked by September 22, 2000. An entry form and additional contest details can be found at www.acehardware.com.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Are You Vulnerable To Hackers And Identity Thieves?

by Peter Reid

(NAPS)—Too much information can be a bad thing—especially online, where hackers can use your personal information to your disadvantage.

By stealing such information, thieves can apply for credit cards and loans in your name; hack into and damage your home computer; and threaten the safety of your children. Fortunately, there are ways to guard online privacy. Here are ten easy tips to get you started:



Peter Reid

1. Check the Web site's privacy policy before doing business with them. Privacy policies should be in plain English. If one does not exist, look elsewhere.

2. Find out what information will be collected and how it will be used. The privacy policy should tell you this.

Many sites sell their customer lists and data to third parties unknown to you. You should be able to opt out or unsubscribe.

If you do not wish these sites to sell your information and you do not have an option to opt out, look elsewhere.

3. Never give vital information, such as a credit card number, over anything but a secure connection. Before you provide sensitive information, the site should tell you that you are moving into a secure—encrypted—area.

4. Check information about yourself. You should be able to review your information and, if necessary, correct it.

5. Balance your privacy against the value of the ser-



vices offered. Some sites will ask for information in exchange for access to them or higher levels of service. Decide whether they ask too much.

6. What are the cookies cooking up? Cookies are small data files Web sites use to store information in your computer, such as your password, and track your progress through the site.

In most instances, cookies are used to provide valuable personalized services. However, cookie technology can also abuse privacy. End users cannot usually tell how specific cookies are being used.

Your browser's cookie control option can tell you when a site wants to give you a cookie and get your permission.

Standard browser software lets you disable cookies, but doing so may limit access to some sites. Check the cookies already on your hard drive and delete those you don't want.

7. Email is forever. Email is sent electronically, and all it takes is a push of the "forward" button to send to anyone. Even when you "delete" email, its ghost remains in your computer and can be recovered by, for example, your employer or

anyone with a subpoena. Keep that in mind when you write.

8. Consider encryption. There are programs to encrypt email, but you have to make sure all your recipients have the key. Your messages can't still be recalled from your computer, and you can't be sure that your decrypted messages won't be forwarded.

9. Check hack attacks. Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) links speed service, but they are always on when your computer is on, leaving your files vulnerable to hackers. Protect yourself by installing firewall software on your PC.

10. Remember what mom said about talking to strangers. Chat rooms can lead spammers back to your address, loading you up with unwanted email.

Privacy remains a matter of personal comfort. Some feel that their privacy is invaded by third party advertisements generated by a site they visit.

Others see such advertising as a trade-off for services obtained at no or reduced costs. Some people see cookies as an electronic Big Brother tracking their every move.

Others don't really care, as long as the records cannot be traced to them personally.

The choice should always be yours. If it isn't, exploit one of the principal virtues of the online economy: there are plenty of alternatives.

Peter Reid is vice president of the Privacy Center of Expertise at NCR's Teradata Division.

Pointers For Parents

Score Big Online This School Year

(NAPS)—Here are five hints to help parents get their kids set for school in style and comfort:

1. Try to buy school supplies early to avoid last-minute anxiety.

2. Make sure shoes and clothing are durable and comfortable.

3. Dress children in layers to allow for temperature variation as they go in and out of school.

4. Have a second pair of gym shoes handy for PE or extracurricular activities.

5. Make sure children remember that safety is just as important as performance when preparing for a new sports season.

For students who want to seem cool this school year, experts at MVP.com have identified three hot trends:

- Messenger bags. Imitating the bags carried by bike messengers, these are the book tote of choice this year. Easily carried on your back or over your shoulder, these colorful and roomy Timbuk2 messenger bags will be decorating the lockers of many hallways. Daypacks from The North Face, Jansport, CrossXover, Mar-mot and Mountainsmith among others are also popular.

- Scooters. You may have witnessed the waves of skateboards and the thrill of inline skates. Now there's a



For convenience when shopping for school clothes and supplies, parents can ask their children to fill out online wish lists and consult product specialists at www.mvp.com.

trend toward a combination of both. The Razor scooter can take your child to school or across campus and be parked in a locker. It weighs only five pounds, comes with a strap for carrying and folds to fit in a backpack or locker. As with any vehicle on wheels, safety is important so be sure your child always wears a helmet when using the scooter.

- Stay in step with footwear. Key footwear styles today include New Balance 803's, New Balance Trail Running and Adidas Trail Running shoes. Doc Martens, Columbia, Dunham, Teva, Vans, D.C. Shoes, Merrell and Salomon lead the way for casual brands in high demand this year. What's more, MVP.com offers an assortment of large (hard-to-find) sizes and widths.

In addition, you can outfit your children in the clothes that give them the confidence to do their best. Current styles go from cargo pants to convertible pants, from logo T-shirts by Columbia and Champion to Ringer T's by Puma.

For many students, school also means sports, so equip your children with their very own practice gear. Consider keeping some equipment at home for backyard practice.

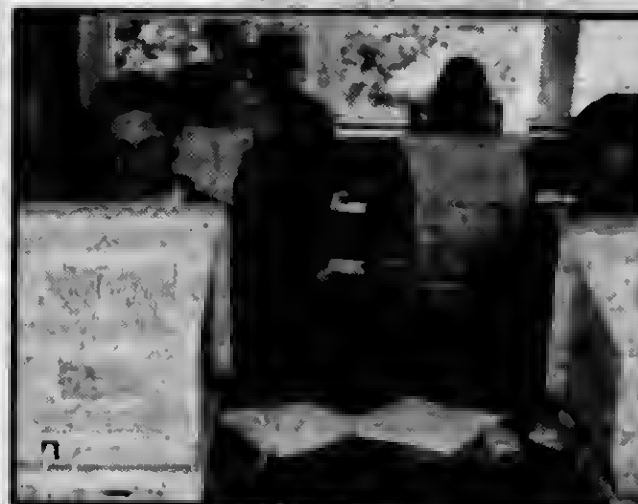
You can find just about all the shoes, clothes and sporting gear your child needs on the Web at one site. MVP.com, the premier online source for outdoor and sporting goods, apparel and insight, offers a broad assortment of clothing and equipment for amateur athletes, professional athletes, recreational athletes and beginners. The MVP Edge portion of the site, authored by a team of experts, including John Elway, Michael Jordan and Wayne Gretzky, provides a unique perspective on training and performance, as well as up to date information about product technology, nutrition and buying guides.

The site also offers a variety of NCAA-licensed products to send college students off in style. To decorate a dorm, there are pennants and other items from some of the nation's top schools. There are even inflatable chairs with school logos.

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School News & Notes

How To Make Fundraisers More Fun And Less Work

(NAPS)—Back to school can mean back to raising money for school trips, uniforms and equipment. A few tips from the experts can help you make the grade when it comes to fundraising safety.

"The rules for safe fundraising are no different than the rules you follow every day to protect your children," said Judy Raddatz, president and chief operating officer of FundRaising.Com.

Raddatz suggests the following fundraising pointers:

Door-to-Door

Fundraising
• No child should be allowed to go alone to the houses of people not known to your family.

• What is your neighborhood like? If there are mostly families, known to you through neighborhood events, social activities, church or community organizations, and if the area is generally safe and tranquil, you may feel comfortable with the door-to-door option. Otherwise, there are alternatives.

• Going door-to-door to people you do not know is the least effective and most time-consuming form of fundraising.

New Alternatives

• Many tech-savvy schools, churches and other charitable organizations have turned to the Internet's online fundraising malls and fundrais-

ing bars to help them with long-term fundraising needs. These are safe lucrative alternatives, but be sure to do your homework. Not all online fundraising malls and bars offer the same percentage return to the group.

• The online shopping mall lets people who wish to earn money for their group log onto a fundraising mall Web site, select their group, and then link to different e-commerce sites to make purchases. The e-commerce site awards affiliate fees—a sales commission on the total purchase—to the site through which their site was accessed. The fundraising site then gives a percentage of its affiliate fee back to the selected organization.

FundRaising.Com, for example, offers a "Shop" feature at www.fundraising.com, with more than 140 stores and gives 100 percent of its sales commission back to the individual's school, group or charity.

• Fundraising bars are customizable ad bars that let consumers earn money in the form of returned ad revenues. Surfers download a charitable ad bar, which scrolls banner, advertisements and earns money for every hour of surfing. A good example is FundRaising.Com's "Fund Raising Bar," which is acces-

sible at www.fundraising.com.

More Alternatives to Door-To-Door

• In-school fundraisers are particularly effective for subgroups, such as the soccer team selling to other students during the day. Easily portable, non-perishable items like lollipops are inexpensive and popular in this situation.

• Parent workplace. If it's not against company policy, you can leave a product brochure in a common area for people to browse through.

• Church or other religious center may be the place to raise money for something that has a positive impact on the collective life of the community. Check with your minister.

• Fairs, carnivals and community special events offer many opportunities to set up a booth and sell items.

Presentation is important. Have the children wear outfits to identify the group and set up a table with signs explaining who the group is and what the purpose of the fundraiser is. While parents should be there for safety reasons, children should do the signs and the selling.

For more information, call FundRaising.Com at 800-443-5353 or visit www.fundraising.com.

Queen of Peace High School announces reunions

Queen of Peace High School will host several reunions in the fall. Peace alumnae are encouraged to mark their calendars today so they don't miss out on a fun opportunity to connect with their Peace friends.

The Class of 1990 will celebrate their 10 year Reunion on Saturday, October 14, beginning at 7 p.m. The festivities will be held at Dinolfo's Banquets at 7941 W. 47th St. in McCook. The evening will feature dinner and dancing.

The Class of 1975 will gather on Sunday, October 15, to celebrate their 25 year Reunion with a Champaign Brunch on the Verandah at the Wyndham Drake Hotel. Brunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Wyndham Drake is in Oak Brook at 2301 York Road.

October 15 is also the date for the Class of 1970 to gather in celebration of their 30 year Reunion. Class members will enjoy a Champaign Brunch

in the Grand Ball Room of the Wyndham Drake Hotel from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Class of 1980 will return to Queen of Peace High School on Saturday, October 21, to celebrate their 20 year Reunion. Refreshments and classroom visits will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. Buffet dinner and music from the 80's will follow beginning at 8 p.m. Queen of Peace High School is located at 7659 S. Linder in Burbank.

If you are a Queen of Peace alum from any of these years, you are encouraged to attend your reunion. For additional information, or to make reservations, please contact the Queen of Peace Alumnae Office at (708) 458-7600, ext. 250.

Since all have the same needs and the same faculties, let there be one education for all, one food for all.

—François Noël Babeuf

Commander addresses Kiwanis

Commander Bruce Quintos, of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Law Enforcement Division, will speak before the Kiwanis Club of Oak Lawn, Golden "K", Wed., September 13, at 10:00 a.m. at the V.F.W. Hall, 9520 S. 52nd Avenue, Oak Lawn.

Ray Ristow, coordinator, announced that the commander will explain how the officers control the Cook County Forest Preserves.

Commander Quintos joined the Department in June, 1980. In November, he was assigned to work detached detail with the Illinois Department of Law Enforcement's undercover narcotics group known as the M.E.G. Unit. Quintos worked as an undercover narcotics agent making a record number of arrests in the Cook County Forest Preserve. He was promoted in 1988 to Field Operations Commander.

Village View Editorial

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By: F.J. Soczek

Despite burgeoning financial growth and unprecedented community support, the physical constraints imposed by the tiny East Shore Drive building represent a serious, unnecessary obstacle in the path of this worthwhile endeavor.

Initial exhibit plans include: *Construction Junction*, where children explore various tools and building techniques; *Water Table*, an examination of the scientific properties and practical uses of water; *Dress Up and Music*, using costumes and musical instruments to examine the fine arts; *Arts and Crafts Table*, a changing program of diverse art projects and a *Fishing Bridge*, where a "kid sized" pond allows anglers to "catch" simulated fish with miniature rods.

Anyone who can visualize a room full of impatient, inquisitive and energetic (surely an oxymoron) children will immediately comprehend the pragmatic ramifications.

While the reported dimensions of 928 square feet appear a bit on the low side, (a room 10 feet by 10 feet would contain 1000 square feet) the diminutive size, coupled with the restrictive two year lease clearly places an untoward burden on the project.

Keeping in mind the structural upgrades necessary (washrooms, disability accommodations, desks, fixtures, etc.) it would seem more prudent to invest the initial \$200,000 in a structure better suited to handle the 12,000 visitors estimated in the first year.

One such option might be the Racquet and Fitness Club, operated by the Oak Lawn Park District at 105th and Central Ave. During a recent visit, over one-half of this massive, cavernous building was darkened due to lack of use; a handful of seniors played tennis on the other half of the first floor court level.

Clearly, a utilization study should be conducted at this facility to determine if the needs of the regular members could be

effectively consolidated with other Park District programs.

Another option might include the Brandt School Building in Oak Lawn.

Considering the turn-key ease of adaptation possible with either of the properties, a feasibility study should be investigated before time and money is invested in the East Shore Drive building.

It is not fair to the citizens of the community to burden this wondrous kite of creativity with a selfish lead tail of political aggrandizement.

Surely, our little children deserve better.

St. Albert

St. Albert the Great School will be hosting an Open House for Grandparents and Senior Citizens on Monday, September 11, 2000 from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. for grades pre through 8th and also from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. for the PM Kindergarten only. Please join us if you can.

St. Albert is located at 5535 West State Road in Burbank. For additional information please call the school office at (708) 424-7757.

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Illinois ranks number one among large states in welfare

Governor George H. Ryan announced Illinois ranks number one among the nation's 10 most populous states in meeting 1999 federal welfare to work participation requirements.

For 1999, the welfare reform law required states to have adults in at least 35 percent of all families working at least 25 hours a week and at least 90 percent of two parent families working at least 35 hours a week.

"This report is clear evidence that Illinois' welfare reform policies are working," Ryan said. "I would like to commend those families who are working towards self sufficiency and creating a chance for a better life. It is important that we continue to work at moving more individuals from welfare to work."

While Illinois ranks first among the most populous states, Illinois ranks fourth overall among the 50 states, with more than 60 percent of the welfare caseload working compared to the national coverage of 38 percent. For two parent families, Illinois' work participation rate was 92 percent while the national average was 55 percent. The information is contained in the Department of Health and

Human Services Third Annual Report to Congress.

Among the most populous states, Illinois' overall 1999 work participation rate of 60.4 percent ranked above Michigan, New York, Texas, Ohio, California, Florida, Minnesota, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

For two parent families, Illinois ranked ahead of every state except Oregon and Rhode Island.

"We are pleased about this report because it reaffirms that we are doing the right thing for families," said DHS Secretary Linda Renee Baker. "Using our resources for critical supports such as child care, transportation, employment and training, and domestic violence, mental health and substance abuse services ensures that when parents begin working they will be able to keep that job and improve their financial situation."

More than 143,000 Illinois families have worked their way off welfare since July 1997. Illinois' current available to work Temporary Assistance for Needy Families caseload is 60,841, a 57 percent reduction since the federal Welfare Reform Act went into effect July 1, 1997.

Guide offers information on Fall events in Indiana

It is easy to plan a fall getaway in Indiana with The "It's better to savor those leaves than rake them!" Fall Guide, published by the Tourism and Film Development Division of the Indiana Department of Commerce. This free guide includes an overview of all Indiana has to offer during the season, including festivals, outdoor activities, and scenic tours.

"Fall is one of the best times to visit Indiana," said Lt. Governor Joseph Kernan, who oversees the Tourism division. "As the leaves change colors, it makes a perfect backdrop for the fall festivals throughout the state."

The Fall Guide highlights historic sites that are worth a special trip, as well as romantic getaways. It also lists phone numbers, Web sites, and other resources to help you plan your visit in advance. It is designed as a

companion piece to the "Get Out & Go Map", that visitors can use to locate museums, state parks, and more.

For a free copy of either, call 877-ENJOY IN or go to www.EnjoyIndiana.com.

Wines of Spain come to Chicago

The great winemaking regions of Spain can be experienced in one evening at wines from Spain's annual "Great Match: Wines and Tapas" on September 19 from 6:30-9 p.m. at Germania Place, 108 West Germania Place in Chicago.

A creative spin on the traditional Spanish tapas will be created by six of Chicago's most acclaimed chefs:

Guests will be able to enjoy wines from a wide range of Spanish producers, many of which have only recently become available in the U.S. in limited quantity. Please phone 1-877-555-WINE or visit www.greatmatch.org for reservations.

March with the St. Rita Band at Homecoming

The St. Rita High School Marching Mustangs will host a "Join the Band" Day at their homecoming game vs. Loyola Academy on Friday, September 22. Grammar school students from the Chicago area and south suburbs are invited to come out and march with the band. Sheet music, marching instruction, dinner, and a St. Rita Band Room, 7740 S. Western Ave. at 5:00 p.m.

After spending the afternoon with the St. Rita band staff and band members, the students will parade to the football field with the Marching Mustangs, join them in their pre-game performance, and enjoy the game from the band section of the bleachers. Any students interested in attending or needing further information, please contact Cindy Gradek or Jodi McLawhorn at the St. Rita Band Room Office, (773) 476-8009.

St. Francis offers stress and wellness workshops

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center will offer the following stress and wellness workshops, presented by Anita Scandurra, Ph.D. The cost for each workshop is \$20 or \$40 for all 3.

- **Using the Mind, Body and Spirit for Overall Wellness:** Monday, Sept. 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Participants will learn how to apply new skills to support positive attitude change and create overall well being using mind, body and spirit approach principles.

- **Introduction to the Relaxation Response:** Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Discover how to get "in tune" with your body's stress responses by redirecting attitudes and beliefs toward greater physical, emotional and spiritual health.

- **Yoga and Therapeutic Movement for Exercise and Stress Reduction:** Monday, October 2, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Learn how yoga and other forms of therapeutic movements can enhance the integration of mind and body for stress reduction while enhancing the body image.

For more information call (708) 385-4433.



By Bob Gates

When it comes to the driving range....use your imagination

A very common situation that many golfers experience is the difference in the results they get at the driving range and on the golf course. I have often had golfers tell me that they are frustrated because they hit the ball so well at the range, but are unable to carry this over to the course and cannot understand why. The first question I ask them concerns their method of practice at the range, and their answer generally gives me a good indication of why this happens.

Many recreational golfers, while at the range, are only concerned with making good ball contact and getting the ball in the air without much regard to where it goes. Is this what you do on the course? Obviously the answer is no. You are constantly aiming at a target. Therefore, my first suggestion, while practicing at the range, is always make sure you are aiming at a target. How can you know if you are properly set up and

aligned unless you have a target at which you are aiming? Vary your targets frequently rather than aiming at the same one shot after shot. Your shots on the course change each time you hit concerning the direction, so why not at the range? There are yard markers, practice flags, and target greens scattered throughout the range, so there are plenty of targets available.

Second, be aware of how far you are hitting the ball each time. Frequently changing your targets will help you learn what club to use for the distance you want. You cannot make the proper club selection if you don't first know how far you hit each one. Learn your clubs!

Also, be aware that weather conditions, particularly the wind, will play a big part in your club selection. Whether the wind is at your back, in your face, or blowing across, will effect the results you get. Be sure to take

this into consideration when deciding what club to choose.

Third, put yourself into situations on the range that you would face on the course. To do this, in your mind select a few holes that you enjoy playing on different courses. Get a mental picture of how you try to play these holes, and then actually execute the sequence of shots you would make. In other words, practice on the range as though you were playing a particular hole on the course. This method of "practice like you play" will prove to be more meaningful and rewarding than if you just hit balls for the sake of hitting balls.

I have a new teaching aid now available. It is a booklet entitled "Your Personal Guide To A Good Set Up." If interested in the booklet or private lessons, Bob Gates can be contacted at (708) 425-8637 or (708) 857-2214.



The Roy Hobbs Charity Baseball Game on August 11th was a fun filled evening for nearly 500 spectators who turned out to support Sertoma Centre. The Oak Lawn Cardinals took on the Oak Lawn Diamondbacks at the Hawkinson Ford Field in Crestwood and raised more than \$1,400 for programs at Sertoma Centre, a not for profit agency that serves individuals with disabilities in 65 south/southwest suburbs and parts of Chicago.

Ken O'Brien, coordinator of the event, says, "I'd like to thank our sponsors, fans and friends who came out to the game. It was a great success and I'm looking forward to more charity games next

Second Annual Roy Hobbs Baseball Charity Game

Four special guests threw out the first pitches at the Second Annual Roy Hobbs Baseball Charity Game on August 11th for Sertoma Centre. Pictured left to right: Jim Chruszczyk, (Crestwood) Oak Lawn Cardinals, poses with guests who threw out the first pitches; Vince Bentivenga of Rosa's Pizza (Chicago Ridge), Alderman Thomas Murphy (18th Ward/Chicago), Birdell Turner, trainee at Sertoma Centre (Oak Forest), Former White Sox Player Moose Skowron, and Ken O'Brien (Chicago) Oak Lawn Diamondbacks and Game Coordinator.

year. I'm happy to be a supporter of Sertoma Centre. It's a win-win situation where everyone comes out a winner." Celebrity Moose Skowron, former White Sox player, made a special appearance to

throw out one of the first pitches.

Sertoma Centre would like to thank these individuals who donated their time.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

Stars of "Wizard of Oz" appear at festival

By Kathy Whirity



Reality T.V.

It is estimated that 26.5 million viewers turned in to see the latest episode of Survivor. You'll probably be wondering what rock I've been living under when I admit that I've yet to see a single episode of this popular show. The overexposed commercial teasers showing the 'survivors' cooking up dead rodents in preparation for their consumption was enough to satisfy any curiosity I may have had. What I find curious is what people are thinking when they get themselves in such predicaments. I can't get into it even though the outcome will find the last remaining survivor walking away with mega bucks. The object of this show is to test one's endurance, would that be in strength or stupidity??

A young mom from the survivor's camp was recently shown on a tabloid news show, crying because she was unable to see a video of her two young, twin children. She misses them so much, she unabashedly sobs for the camera. Is that suppose to make me want to tune in to see more of this forlorn mother? Apparently so, since the ratings have been consistently on top ever since the show's premier. Maybe it's the allure of what will come next for these adventurers that attract the couch potato brigade.

'Big Brother,' is another reality show that's geared towards audiences who are so laid back they'd rather watch 'real' life than live it. And from it's sky high ratings, it seems to bear some truth to the fact that Americans are big on voyeurism. It is big business and there's no telling where these behind closed doors programs will take us. The idea of sitting around, to watch other people sitting around, doesn't seem all that appealing. How real can that be anyway? People have, and always will be, fascinated with how other people live. And the ability to visually participate in personal moments, that give the T.V. viewer the feeling of being a sort of public peeping tom, also has a certain appeal to some.

Personally, I'd rather go for a good love story with a meaningful plot, or a scripted comedy with punchlines that'll tickle your funny bone.

As for 'Big Brother,' the concept is nothing new. Some thirty years ago we were introduced to the mentality that hinted at a future where someone, namely the government, would be looking over our shoulder. Now this reality is welcomed by way of T.V. shows, giving a whole new meaning to surviving big brother.

The other day a respected and thoughtful neighbor of mine introduced me to the Harry Potter adventure books. She had enjoyed them so much she graciously offered them to me, for my reading pleasure.

Yes, they are children's books, but since they came so highly recommended, I began the first book solely for the purpose of experiencing the imaginative writings of author J.K. Rawlings. Magic spells, wizardry and high in the sky sports games played on mystical broomsticks, all came vividly alive, as good and evil battle for control of a wizard school. Before I knew it I was beginning the third volume, curious as to what happens to Harry Potter, the hero of the story. I've just got to find out who is behind the sinister plots that threaten the success of 'Hogwarts School of Wizardry.'

Call me crazy, but in this day and age of in your face reality T.V. programs - I'm finding more enjoyment, at the moment, traveling through the whimsical pages of a good old fashioned, bewitching tale, told in such a creative way that it stokes the imagination of young and old alike. Much more exciting than trying to make something interesting from the predictable and mundane.

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Margaret Pellegrini, the "Flower Pot Lady" in the 1939 movie musical the "Wizard of Oz", and co-star Jerry Maren, one of the "Lollipop Guild", will sign autographs and be reminiscing about their experiences making the film at the 19th Annual Wizard of Oz festival, September 15-17 in Chesterton Indiana.

Pellegrini held 2 roles in the 1939 classic. "I was one of the Sleepy Heads in the Bird's nest, and also one of the gals who wore a flower pot hat. They put me right in the front row!" Ever since then, the flower has been her trademark

Jerry Maren will always be remembered as the munchkin who presented the enormous lollipop to Judy Garland as she was welcomed to Munchkinland. Maren attended dance school and was discovered during a vaudeville act.

"A talent scout saw me

backstage and announced that MGM was shooting a film version of the Wizard of Oz in Los Angeles." Both Pellegrini and Maren were offered \$50 per week for six weeks of shooting. It was more than Maren's father made as a shoemaker.

The munchkins worked 12 hours a day, and six days a week but Margaret and Jerry both had good things to say about co-star Judy Garland.

"Judy Garland was a sweet girl - a typical teenager and she loved the munchkins," says Pellegrini. "During her film breaks, Judy would sit and chat with us on the Yellow Brick Road."

"Even though she was already a star, Judy Garland was a lovely American teenager," recalls Maren. "She was compassionate and got a big kick out of being with us. Can you imagine how she felt when she got up every morning and looked out over 124 tiny adults?"

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center offers ways to relax

St. Francis Hospital & Health Center, 12935 S. Gregory St. in Blue Island, will offer the following relaxation programs and services at the hospital by appointment only:

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Chicago sailor participates in Pacific's Largest Maritime Exercise

The largest maritime exercise in the world, Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2000, ended recently as the ships of 7 nations steamed out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

For 5 weeks, the armed forces of Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, South Korea, the United Kingdom and the United States participated, dealing with a number of high-technology scenarios that simulated real-life naval battles.

RIMPAC is intended to enhance the tactical proficiency of participating units in a wide array of combined operations at sea. By enhancing interoperability, RIMPAC helps to promote stability in the Pacific Rim region to the benefit of all participating nations. This year's exercise included a variety of surface combatant ships, submarines, tactical aircraft, amphibious forces and a U.S. aircraft carrier battle group. One Chicago native supported the exercise to ensure it's success.

Navy Seaman Raymond P. Wnek, the 22-year-old son of Irene Wnek of Chicago, is a

boatswain's mate on board the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60), home ported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Wnek realizes the importance of multinational exercises like RIMPAC.

"RIMPAC helps us to be prepared for war if it happens," said Wnek, a 1995 graduate of St. Rita High School.

More than 50 ships, 200 aircraft and 22,000 U.S. Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Army and Coast Guard men and women took part in RIMPAC 2000.

During the exercise, the different navies worked together in scenarios designed to imitate an actual war.

Wnek and other West Coast Sailors have a great responsibility. They ensure that the Pacific Ocean -- which covers roughly 64 million square miles -- remains open to commerce and free from war. RIMPAC Exercises help the U.S. and other navies uphold this stability in the Pacific.



The term "ad lib," meaning to improvise, is a shortening of the term *ad libitum*. In music, this phrases a direction to interpret, improvise or omit, according to the player's preference.

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Archery classes offered at the Oak Lawn Park District

As part of its fall schedule of classes, the Oak Lawn Park District offers a program that teaches the sport of archery to individuals 10 years and older. Archery will begin Sept. 11 this season and will run through Oct. 6. Classes are held indoors at the Menard Center, 5800 W. 90th St., in one hour sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays either at 4 p.m. or 5 p.m. An open shooting session

is offered on Fridays from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

According to organizer, Chris Finn, archery is a sport enjoyed by kids and adults. "It is a non strenuous sport taught by an excellent instructor," says Finn. "It's popular with Boy Scout troupes, as well as with adults who are looking for an interesting skill."

The instructor, Randy Brown, is an archery merit badge counselor, who has been offering the class at the park district for two years. Fees for this season's classes are \$50 for Oak Lawn residents or \$62.50 for non residents. Individual classes are also available at a rate of \$75 for Oak Lawn residents or \$93.50 for non residents. For more information, call the Oakview Center at (708) 857-2200.

Depression Screenings offered at Palos Community Hospital

Everyone gets "the blues" from time to time. Many people experience difficulties over divorce, the death of a loved one, or other major losses. Sadness is a normal part of life. When sadness never returns to gladness, however, it becomes depression.

Palos Community Hospital is offering free, anonymous screenings for individuals age 14 and older at the Primary Care Center in Orland Park at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 5. Call (708) 460-2721 to register.

A work that aspires, however humbly, to the condition of art should carry its justification in every line.

—Joseph Conrad

Palos Community Hospital program helps the grieving

Palos Community Hospital is offering its Bereavement Education Series, designed for individuals who have recently lost a friend or loved one and are trying to make sense out of life.

Participants learn about the physical and emotional effects of grief; how to accept and express feelings; how roles change following death; and how to deal with holiday stress. The program also teaches coaching skills and helps identify and develop support systems.

This six-week workshop will meet each Tuesday, starting September 26, from 3-5 p.m. Registration is required by September 19; call (708) 923-4840. Palos Community Hospital is located at 12251 S. 80th Avenue, Palos Heights.

Lactose intolerance a problem in some children

Canned fish and brussel sprouts or a milkshake with whipped cream?

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Bible study

The First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park, 94th St. & Homan, offers a variety of Bible Study opportunities for adults, beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 13th at 7:30 p.m. with the Disciples 1 study. Disciples 1 course is a complete survey of the Bible from Genesis through Revelations. A 34 week study that will change your life. If interested, call Pastor Char Hoffman at (708) 422-8451 or Peggy Lweis at (708) 425-6847 for further information.

Additionally, New member Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, September 17. Those interested in joining a Christian fellowship are urged to contact Pastor Char Hoffman. You can also visit the church's website at www.gbpm-umc/fumcep for further information regarding religious education opportunities.

The church is also offering Entertainment 01 books, the leading book in Chicagoland for dining, leisure, shopping, and more. Contact Ardith at (708) 422-1059 for more information.

Palos Community Hospital offers Stress Reduction Seminar

When stress levels are too high, people often seek relief through unhealthy behaviors, such as abnormal eating patterns or alcohol abuse.

Discover new ways to better manage stress in your life. During this 90 minute presentation, participants will explore methods to identify the signs, symptoms and severity of stress levels and learn different relaxation techniques. The presentation will be held on Wednesday, October 4, at the Primary Care Center, 15300 West Avenue in Orland Park. Call (708) 460-2721 to register.

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Public Art Exhibit brings Shedd Aquarium's Amazon Rising Exhibit to the streets

They are all around -- glimpses of the Amazon in art. Now, when passing through the Hyatt Regency Chicago, you will spy a pink dolphin rising out of the reflection pond or on Chicago Avenue, take shade under the gigantic leaves of a rainforest canopy or simply gaze at the statuesque "Mother of Rubber Trees" on Michigan Avenue at the Equitable Plaza. More than 20 original works of art inspired by the Amazon are on display throughout Chicago bringing visions of the Amazon to life, celebrating Chicago artistry and honoring Shedd Aquarium's newest exhibit, **Amazon Rising: Seasons of the River.**

"These Chicago artists are bringing the diversity of the Amazon flooded forest to Chicago in a variety of styles, shapes and surprises," said Sarah Murphy, marketing director for Shedd and project coordinator for the public

City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and the Shedd, which commissioned the original artworks.

"We are very excited about this opportunity to work with Shedd Aquarium in offering yet another public showcase for art," explained Michael Lash, director of Public Art. "The Amazon art project is not only an inspiring collection of artwork united by a common subject, it's a vehicle for teaching the public about the Amazon River."

Also part of the public exhibit is Walter Neves Filho's "Boto" the pink dolphin exhibit, **Amazon Rising: A River of Art.** "The art is an innovative way of reinforcing the idea that we all connected to this amazing area of the world, the Amazon floodplain."

The exhibit is a collaboration between the Public Art Program, a division of the

phin and Yvette Kaiser Smith's "Canopy Under Construction" at Eli's The Place for Steak. Towering at 12 feet is Dessa Kirk's piece "Mother of Rubber Trees," based on an Amazon legend about a spirit who protects the trees from people who over tap the rubber.

Kirk carries out this legend in her piece through the use of recycled steel and truck tire liners. The sculpture is placed in the Equitable Plaza, 401 North Michigan Avenue. The Amazon public art project will be on display in Chicago through October.

Every man's work, whether it be literature or music or pictures or architecture or anything else, is always a portrait of himself.
—Samuel Butler

Video rental raffle at the

To celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month, the Oak Lawn Public Library will hold their first free Video Rental Raffle Giveaway.

Each time that an Oak Lawn resident checks out library material during September, they are entitled to enter a weekly drawing for free video rental passes. Ten winners will be drawn weekly on Friday, September 8, 15, 22, and 29. The official rules are posted at the library's Cook Avenue Information Center kiosk.

The Oak Lawn Public Library is located at 5300 West 95th Street. For further information, please call (708)422-4990.

St. Francis sponsors Fitness Program at Orland Square Mall

The "Fit to a Tee" Fitness Incentive Walking Program, a 9-week program sponsored by St. Francis Hospital & health center and Orland Square Mall, will begin Sept. 20 at 8:15 a.m. at Orland Square Mall Food Court.

"Fit to a Tee" is a free, fun fitness incentive walking program that everyone can

participate in regardless of fitness level. Participants will complete eight golf-themed courses, enjoy healthy hand-outs and weekly wellness topics will be presented by a St. Francis health professional.

For More information call 708-597-2000, ext. 4222

The following is a schedule of events for "Fit to a Tee":

Sept. 20: Registration and Program Kick Off
Sept. 27: "Sand Traps" Learn how some food choices can be bad for you
Oct. 4: "Water Hazards" Teaches the importance of water.
Oct. 11: "Is Your Exercise Program up to Par?" Find out how to reach fitness goals.
Oct. 18: "That's a Bunch of Bogey" Learn stress management tools.

Oct. 25: "Hole-In-One!" How to maintain a healthy lifestyle forever without the fads.
Nov. 1: "Health Precautions and Tips" Free blood pressure and diabetes glucose screening. (4-hour fast req.)
Nov. 8: How to Prevent Injuries On and Off the Golf Course.
Nov. 15: Program Finale, Raffle Prizes and T-Shirts

Oak Lawn Library guidelines to help keep your kids safe

As the new school year begins, the Oak Lawn Public Library Board of Trustees and staff are concerned for the safety and well-being of children visiting the library. To ensure each child's visit is both pleasant and productive, parents and guardians are reminded of these library guidelines:

*Children 6 years and younger **MUST** be supervised at all times by a responsible adult

*Children 7 years and older may use the library unattended; if the child is left alone, parents should be sure to check the library's hours of service and be sure to pick up their child before closing and explain proper behavior for the library.

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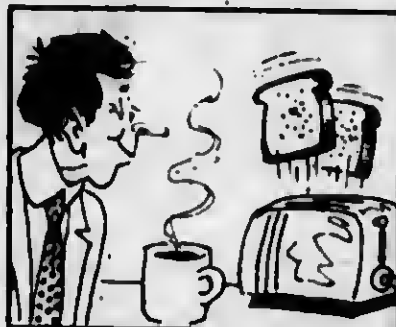
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

St. Dan's school keeps growing

By Rick Techman

Thousands of adults and children attended the Eighth Annual St. Daniel the Prophet Summerfest August 17 thru 20 under mostly sunny skies and 80 degree temperatures with dozens of rides and games for all involved. A variety of food booths and a beer garden provided plenty to eat and drink for all fest goers as well.

St. Daniel Parish Pastor Fr. Malcolm attributed the success of the fest, measured more importantly in fun had than in money raised, to the dozens of volunteers who contributed time and personal talent to the effort of making this carnival succeed. He explained preparation for the Summerfest began several months ago with a call for volunteers and planning meetings allowing the best equipped workers fill positions in their specialty.

Fr. Malcolm explained people attending the Summerfest came from a variety of communities throughout Chicagoland though many participants were originally from St. Daniel parish. He said the mixing of people visiting the Summerfest since leaving the area years ago with families that grew up here and took root allowed old friendships to be renewed.

Fr. Malcolm said, "I told the people at church today that even if we didn't make money, which we do of course, just the fact that the people come together and people come back to the neighborhood who have moved away just to see the people that they knew here... that's equally as valuable," he continued, "as what else goes on in the money making and stuff like that."

"The last couple of years," Fr.

Malcolm explained, "we netted just shy of \$60,000.00. Hopefully this year we'll be in the same ballpark," he closed.

Musical entertainment included two separate Polish bands on Sunday. Thursday night through Saturday night were dominated by rock, pop and alternative live music. Bingo was played in the school basement and buncos was played in the church basement throughout the four days of the fest.

Fr. Malcolm explained, "In this neighborhood each parish has a festival and we space them two weeks apart." He said this allowed each parish in the community to support their neighboring parishes with festgoers by preventing conflicts in scheduling of activities.



National Association of State Treasurers 25th Annual Conference

Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka (center) welcomes guest speaker Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago to the Westin Hotel for the National Association of State Treasurers 25th Annual Conference. The conference was hosted by Topinka. NAST, an organization of state financial leaders, encourages the highest ethical standards, promotes education and the exchange of ideas, builds professional relationships, develops standards of excellence and influences public policy for the benefit of the citizens of the states. Pictured from left to right: Mayor Richard J. Daley, Topinka and Hon. David E. Heineman, State Treasurer of Nebraska and President of NAST. Photo by Teresa J. Potasiak.

St. Dan's Summerfest succeeds

By Rick Techman

An overcapacity high school in Garfield-Ridge opened up last week with a new Local School Council observing the entire operation of the institution and eager to offer input and direction on making this a successful school year for all involved.

John F. Kennedy High School, 6325 West 56th Street, started classes August 22 with more than 1,500 students enrolled. Local School Council Community Representative, Michael Schmidt said, "You can call the school crowded and I believe the term overcrowded applies as well." Schmidt added the student body was over 1,500 last year as well and if this population trend keeps up the school could be eligible for more funding.

Schmidt explained once a Chicago public school student population goes beyond 1,500 students, and remains at that for several years, funding becomes available for

additional staffers to manage the school. He added currently classes for some students can begin before 8:00 a.m. while all freshman, who have been assigned late schedules, do not complete classes until almost 5:00 p.m.

He explained the school has as many as ten or 11 class periods a day of 50 minutes each. Beside the classes every day he said the entire student population must attend their respective "division," an abbreviated class for proof of attendance, to pick up report cards and other documents sent home, and keep informed of school activities.

Schmidt said he did not know what capacity the school was designed for when it was originally built. The overcapacity population caused the need for severely staggered student schedules. For the first few months of the school year, Schmidt said the student population could most likely increase with students transferring in from other schools. But, he added, later in

the year the drop out rate will begin to affect the student enrollment and the population could again fall below 1,500.

Schmidt said he's got a close relationship with Kennedy High School not only because he and his wife are both members of the L. S.C. but because they have children who are students at that school. He explained that all eight L. S.C. members elected last April completed the required classes designed to make them effective on the council.

Schmidt said some of the classes included understanding the budget, principal selection, retention and evaluation, roles and responsibilities of a council member, academic achievement and parent-community cooperation. He said the classes were offered at Kennedy High School for anyone elected to an L. S.C. at area schools and the same classes will be offered again this fall for anyone who did not complete their training.

Old St. Rita Stadium bricks available

Bricks from the recently demolished Old St. Rita Stadium at 63rd and Claremont are available for alumni, present students and families, and friends of St. Rita High School. Proceeds from the brick sale will be used to construct a Memorial Wall in the north end zone of St. Rita's Doyle Stadium at 77th and Western Ave.

The Memorial Wall will recognize the many supporters of the St. Rita Football Program throughout its 95 year history. For a \$100 donation, supporters receive a brick keepsake, and their name will be engraved on a

bronze plaque that will be mounted to the Memorial Wall. For a \$25 donation, supporters receive a brick keepsake.

The Memorial Wall will be dedicated on Friday, October 6th, at 7:00 p.m., prior to the varsity football game. To obtain a brick keepsake, please call the St. Rita Alumni Office at (773) 925-5029. Order early, as there are a limited number of bricks available.



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Eyesore gone new look awaiting Palos Heights

by Carlene O'Connor

After four years of trying to remove the eyesore at the corner of Route 83 & Harlem Ave., which was the former car dealership, the owner may have a sale.

Jean Eiseman, owners of the property did not disclose any details about who it has been sold to or what would

be developed. All she confirmed was that she has agreed upon a price with a buyer, and they would present their plans to the city.

According to Alderman Frank Passarelle (2nd Ward) a long time friend of the Eiseman family, said possibly plans are being made for a senior living center and a restaurant. He could not be

specific in a telephone conversation on August 30th, because he says Mrs. Eiseman is so vague and she has two bids on the property. He did say that he does not know what will be determined considering the complaint filed in court by the Palos Heights Fire Protection District. It could postpone all plans.

The ticket was issued on April 15 for faulty sprinkler and alarm systems. All commercial buildings must have sprinkler systems for the safety of the people inside and the fire fighters, even if it is vacant.

If the property is sold and plans are made to tear it down Mrs. Eiseman could still be responsible for the \$500 a day fine. The total amount would be incurred from the date the ticket was given.

The next court date is September 1. Eiseman did not comment about the case against her.

When she goes to court she

is expected to tell the judge who the buyer is and why she did not fix the sprinkler system since April.

At that time possibly the plans will be disclosed and the residents of Palos Heights will have something to look forward to.



(NAPS)—To find out about the uses of solar energy systems, call the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Customer Service Center at 800-363-3732, write the Solar Energy Research and Education Foundation, P.O. Box 1036, Washington, D.C. 20013, or get information online at www.crest.org.

For quick and easy mushroom recipes, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Mushroom Council, 2200-B Douglas Blvd., Box MR, Roseville, CA 95661, or visit the Mushroom Council web site at www.mushroomcouncil.com.

The whole secret of the study of nature lies in learning how to use one's eyes.

—George Sand



O'Malley establishes Project Exile program

State Senator Patrick O'Malley stands in front a Project Exile billboard following his August press conference announcing the introduction of a new Illinois gun violence program. O'Malley has filed legislation to establish a Project Exile program in Illinois, modeled after a successful program in Virginia. Senate Bill 1966 calls for the Illinois State Police to establish a "Project Exile Illinois" program to combat gun violence. The program will encourage federal prosecution of felons with guns in addition to prosecution in Illinois courts. Pictured are (left to right) Agents Tom Ahern and Scott Pickett with the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco; James Vinopal with the Illinois State Rifle Association; Illinois State Crime Commission Deputy Director Bob Fuesel; John Vitek Vice President of the National Association of Chiefs of Police; O'Malley; Jerry Rosen with the ISCC; and ISCC Director Jerry Elsner. "Senator O'Malley's Project Exile is the real deal when it comes to public safety," said Elsner. "Once this program is underway, felons with guns will find themselves spending time in Walla Walla, Washington within a week and a half of their arrest."

Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau Annual Luncheon

Illinois Bureau of Tourism Director Cathy Ritter will discuss the topics of tourism and tourism development at the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau's Annual Membership Awards Luncheon, Thursday, September 14 at Georgios Comfort Inn and Conference Centre, 8800 W. 159th Street in Orland Park.

Cathy Ritter has been involved in state government for the past ten years, beginning as spokesperson for the Illinois Commerce Commission. In 1991, she joined the staff of then Secretary of State George Ryan as speechwriter and then deputy press secretary. She was instrumental in Ryan's efforts to pass the laws reducing drunk driving, protecting motorist privacy, mandating fingerprinting of school bus drivers, and promoting organ donation.

Ms. Ritter began her career as a newspaper reporter in 1978. Serving as an in depth and investigative reporter for the *State Journal Register* in Springfield, *The Southern Illinoisan*, and the *St. Louis Globe Democrat*, she was awarded by the Illinois Press Association and the Illinois Associated Press Editors Association for breaking the "Operation Greylord" judicial corruption story in Chicago and a toxic waste coverup in Southern Illinois.

Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau members are also honored at the luncheon for their marketing efforts through the Bureau's "Hospitality Marketing Awards" competition and "Service Person of the Year Awards" in the hospitality and general membership categories. Additionally, the Bureau will name their Member of the Year, Municipal Leader of the Year, Awards of Merit, Aldo DeAngelis Leadership Award, and Linda Morgan Award winners.

The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. with a reception for Ms. Ritter, followed by the luncheon and program at 12:00 noon. Tickets to the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau's Annual Membership Awards Luncheon, Thursday, September 14, 2000 at Georgios Comfort Inn and Conference Centre are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, and \$225 for a table of ten. For ticket information, or to reserve a space at the luncheon, call the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau at (708) 895-8200.

Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back.

—John Ruskin

Seniors help build better 'Home Towns'

The Governor's Home Town Awards, an annual competition highlighting volunteer projects throughout Illinois, are given in eight categories based on community population. The awards were announced June 21, 2000 at a special recognition ceremony in Springfield, attended by Governor George H. Ryan and members of his cabinet, including Illinois Department on Aging Director Margo E. Schreiber.

The awards were administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. The 2000 Governor's Cup was

awarded to Newton for the volunteer efforts that contributed to establishment of the Newton Library and Museum complex. Congratulations to the winners in the Senior Citizen Involvement category:

First Place - Richmond for Senior Bus Service and Recreation Program; population of 0 - 2,499.

First Place - Berkeley for 75th Anniversary Celebration; population of 4,200 - 8,799.

Second Place - Mascoutah for Berger-Kiel House; population of 4,200 - 3,799.

Third Place - Clarendon

Hills for 75th Anniversary Celebration; population of 4,200 - 3,799.

First Place - Palos Hills for 1999 Year of the Healthy Heart; population of 8,800 - 17,999.

First Place - Bloomingdale for Street Smart Seniors; population of 18,000 - 28,999.

Second Place - Mundelein for A-May-Zing Mundelein - A Day of Caring; population of 18,000 - 28,999.

Third Place - Mundelein for Senior Citizen's Police Academy; population of 18,000 - 28,999.

First Place - Elk Grove Village for Police and Se-

niors Together (P.A.S.T.); population of 29,000 - 49,000.

Second Place - Niles for By Popular Request: Seniors After Hours; population of 29,000 - 49,999.

First Place - Palos Township for Senior Advisory Board and Ambassadors; population of 50,000 - 99,999.

Second Place - Schaumburg for Senior Advisory Council; population of 50,000 - 99,999.

Third Place - Wayne Township for Wayne Township Senior Center; population of 50,000 - 99,999.

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NCSTD launches
National Website

Officials may question bid rigging

Highlights from the Bridgeview September 13 Meeting

by Jude Coyle

Superintendent Jon N. Nebor of Indian Springs School District #109 thanked the Village Board for their help. The Bridgeview Department of Public Works laid sewer pipe from the playing field at Bridgeview School, and hooked it up to the sewer. Dr. Nebor commented that after the torrential rains of the past week, that surprisingly, the field is in good shape. Three weeks ago, he said, the School District had the same field hydroseeded. He's concerned that after all the rain, it will have to be reseeded. Public Works also laid a sidewalk at the side of Lyle School. He said that this alleviated a dangerous situation.

Trustee Michael Pticek talked about Treasure Days. Over 400 families have registered for the Village-wide garage sale. North of 79th Street, sale days were 9/16 & 17, and south of 79th, the sale days will be 9/23 & 24.

Trustee Sutton read a proclamation declaring the week of September 17-23 Chamber of Commerce Week. The proclamation honors the work of 350 local chambers, the Great Lakes Chamber, and the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce. They have contributed to industrial and economic growth throughout Illinois. The proclamation recognized the Galena Chamber of Commerce, which was founded in 1838, as

the first Chamber in Illinois. Mayor Landek reminded all that the Village will soon welcome retail outlets like Ames, Walgreens, and Hobby Lobby, and that much of the credit should go to the Bridgeview Chamber.

Mayor Landek then administered the oath of office to the newest members of the Bridgeview Police Department. They are Officers Brian Anderson & Mark Meskill.

During the open forum, Library Director Fran Green spoke of September as Library Month. She encouraged all who haven't yet 'get themselves a library card. The library,' she said, 'is one of the most beautiful things in this Village.'

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St. Bernadette's Fashion Show

St. Bernadette Altar and Rosary Society invites you to Fashion Show 2000 on Thursday, October 5. It will be held at the Martinique, 2500 W. 95th St. Open bar is at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person.

Tickets are to be sold after Masses beginning September 10. You can also call to make reservations at (708) 424-1519.

The National Council of State Tourism Directors (NCSTD) has launched a new national website, www.tourstates.com. This site will be a one click hot link to all 56 official U.S. state, territory and District of Columbia tourism websites. It will provide travelers with seamless access to destination travel planning information for virtually every corner of the U.S.

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Zickus helps families with college costs

by Carlene E. O'Conner

With the rising cost of a college education it is more important than ever to plan ahead to pay the tuition. Anne Zickus (48th District State Representative) and her colleagues have established a program to assist families.

The Bright Start program can help accumulate more money for education. This savings plan allows money to grow tax deferred. Taxes are not paid on earnings until the money is withdrawn and the child goes to college.

These earnings are taxed on the student's low tax rate and not the parents'. The money can be

An Editorial
By F.J. Soczek

*Laugh about it,
Shout about it,
When you've got to choose.
Every way you look at it,
You lose.*

Mrs Robinson
Simon & Garfunkel

According to Oak Lawn Village Engineer Lynn J. Krauss, it is nearing the end of the "construction season" and it is necessary to "expedite" the completion

of yet another Village-owned parking lot

In a memo dated September 7, 2000 and presented to the Oak Lawn Village Board for approval, Krauss recommends: *Waiving the bidding proceedings and entering into a contract with J&R Number One Asphalt of Hickory Hills in the amount of \$104,765.90*

The sense of urgency to complete such a project before the onset of winter certainly makes sense

But the property, located at 9223-27 South 48th court was, according to Krauss' memo, purchased by the village last year.

How long does it take to fax a bid solicitation ad to the local newspapers (as prescribed by law.) Mr. Krauss?

Almost two years ago, on October 21, 1998, Krauss made a similar appeal on behalf of J&R Asphalt.

A mere coincidence, Mr. Krauss?

Krauss stated his office solicited eight "qualified" paving contractors for work on 9231-35 S. 48th Ct

Although J&R was not the low bidder, (Silvestri Paving's of Alsip bid \$1893 less) Krauss respectfully requested the Trustees award the \$85,000 contract to J&R.

Work exceeding \$10,000 is required by law to be solicited through public notice in local newspaper advertisements "unless competitive bidding is waived by a vote of two-thirds of the Trustees then holding office."

Several years ago, Krauss again used the "before the onset of winter" excuse to award \$150-200,000 in no bid contracts.

Krauss claimed a storm left numerous trees "in a dangerous and/or deteriorated condition that will require their immediate

removal."

While it is up to the reader to determine the correct definition of "immediate," Krauss made his observation over one month after the storm subsided.

Could the Oak Lawn Public Works employees have performed the necessary work "before the onset of winter weather?"

The storm occurred August 24th

You decide.

This writer asked Mr. Krauss at the time why he chose not to solicit the work through open, fair competitive bidding.

"I didn't make the decision," Krauss snickered. "The Board of Trustees did."

Indeed. The Board of Trustees seems to have approved each and every request of late to "waive" the process established by law to ensure equitable treatment for all qualified contractors.

Not only has the Board remained mute on the above issues, it has recently taken on a conspiratorial role in its blatant manipulation of the Park District/Napleton property "purchase."

Village Attorney Thomas Bayer proclaimed automobile dealer Edward Napleton was "concerned that if the property (5760 W. 95th St.) was opened to public bidding, Napleton might not be the successful bidder."

So the Village Board and the Park District gathered behind closed doors and cut a specious deal to make sure Mr. Napleton remains a happy camper and keeps his business in Oak Lawn.

In the Big City, this sort of thing is referred to as "Bid Rigging."

In Oak Lawn, its called "Business as usual." And very few citizens find it amusing.

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P.A.D.S. is providing more help

by: Jude Coyle
P.A.D.S. stands for Public Action to Deliver Shelter. They came to be ten years ago when more and more often, the emergency staff at Christ Hospital came across people needing shelter for the night. They contacted a local Church and asked for help.

Mary Jo Landuyt, Coordinator at Our Lady of the Ridge Parish in Chicago Ridge brought this program to her Church a few years ago. Up to that time, she said, she didn't realize that homelessness existed in her area. "Most homeowners are two paychecks away from homelessness," she said. She went on to explain how most of the people she comes across in the Oak Lawn and Bridgeview shelters are ordinary people and not the indigent or skid row bums most think of when the subject of homelessness comes up. She's dealt with family groups who lost the use of their home for the night because of water main breaks, etc. or women who had arguments with husbands or boyfriends and were forced to leave their home. She's met 18 and 19 year olds who thought they knew everything about the world until they found themselves without a roof over their heads. And she's met people who were living in their cars because they lost their home or apartment due to lay offs or accidents. She has heard as many reasons for homelessness as she had met people who needed a place to stay.

Last year P.A.D.S. helped a total of 1,169 individuals, and 328 of those were children.

Between the months of October and April, P.A.D.S. utilizes church basements and gyms between the hours of 7 am to 7 pm. Up to 30 guests are provided with sheets, pillows, and gym pads for the night. They are also given a hot meal that night, cold cereal in the morning and a bag lunch. Volunteers give four hours a month. They cook, make lunches, or help with guest arrangements.

Mike Wasserberg, Director at P.A.D.S. described how over time, volunteers began to com-

ment on how much more was needed. Employment counselling, basic education classes for adults, tutoring for children, drug and alcohol abuse services and mental health services, were just some of what they spoke of. Working in partnership with other agencies, P.A.D.S. Daytime was created to deal with those needs.

Another need is medical care. Mr. Wasserberg commented, "This is a pride issue. One won't seek treatment if he can't pay for it. Many times a minor illness can then become serious." Whether it is at an outside facility, a shelter or at a Daylight facility, P.A.D.S. began providing both preventive health care, and medical treatment.

On the matter of permanent housing, Wasserberg described how P.A.D.S. personnel will work with a guest, showing him how to rent an apartment, go with him to see it, and will even go over a lease with him prior to signing it.

On the other hand, it is better to avoid homelessness all together. P.A.D.S. has developed another program called the Homeless - Prevention Program. Their goal is to

identify people with the potential of becoming homeless. As Mr. Wasserberg explained, when someone is forced into a position where bill collectors are calling and demanding payment, that person's focus becomes scattered. Sometimes it is the loudest phone call or the reddest bill that gets paid first, even though it isn't in the best interest of that person. Volunteers will act as intermediaries with landlords and mortgage companies. They will enlist the aid of credit counselors, who will help develop workable plans towards the payment of bills. And volunteers will stay in touch with those in need, acting as mentors, and providing an ear. As Mr. Wasserberg said, "Sometimes one needs to talk to a friend who won't pass judgment on him."

Our Lady of the Ridge Parish in Chicago Ridge

will sponsor a training session for P.A.D.S. volunteers on Sept. 17, in the school hall. The session is from 1 to 3 p.m. Those interested need only show up. Those in need of help or willing to make donations please call 754-HELP (4357).



Precinct volunteers needed for 23rd Ward GOP

Joseph A. Battaglia, the 23rd Ward Republican Committeeman, has announced that he is seeking precinct volunteers to assist the 23rd Ward GOP Organization of the Nov. 7, 2000 General Election. Interested parties may call (773) 586-4603.

Mayor reviews governors small business Summit Report

In January, Mayor Ernie Kolb joined 500 business and municipal leaders to discuss key issues which impact small business in Illinois.

"Small Business is really big business in Illinois and Oak Lawn. More than 98% of the businesses in the state are classified as small business by the federal government," stated Mayor Kolb.

Mayor Kolb participated in the workshops that provided valuable input during the Governor's Small Business Summit. The recommendation developed during the summit have been released in a special report by the Office of the Governor and through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs.

"The number one recommendation from participants of the Business Summit was the need for a standing Small Business Task Force to review and evaluate specific issues and problem unique to small business. I am very pleased that the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs is going forward with this idea." Mayor Kolb added.

The areas important enough to support subcommittee support in the task force were identified as:

*Taxes, Labor and Labor Issues

- *Technology
- *Health Care
- *Home Based Business
- *Communications

After the Mayor's review of the "Report on Recommendations from the Governor's Small Business 2000 Summit," copies will be forwarded to the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce. "We continually strive to keep the business community aware of new developments through our Chamber of Commerce," Mayor Kolb pointed out. "The Village of Oak Lawn will continue to participate in all local, state and federal initiatives that benefit our local business," he added.

The Village of Oak Lawn offers a variety of services to businesses, including the Business Hotline, Revolving Loan and Business Development Loan Programs, the Local Business Facilitation Program and Locator Services.

For more information regarding small business opportunities in Oak Lawn, please call James Webb, Director of Community Development at (708) 499-7838.



Republican Election Judges needed for 23rd Ward

Joseph A. Battaglia, 23rd Ward Republican Committeeman, has announced that there is a need for Republican Election Judges for the Nov. 7, 2000 election.

The judges must be registered voters in Cook County and of high integrity. Judges earn \$100 for election day and an additional \$50 by attending the Board of Election training classes.

Interested parties may call the Committeeman at (773) 586-4603 or write him at P.O. Box 388614, Chicago, 60638-8614.



Gator's Golf Guide

by Bob Gates

How often during nine holes have you found yourself playing extremely well for the first six or seven holes? You then start thinking about what your final score may be if you continue to play well during the next few holes, and that this could be one of your best rounds of the season. Then suddenly the bottom falls out, and by the time you finish you can't even tell you had a potentially good round in the making. You are in a state of disbelief because your final score doesn't even begin to indicate how well you played for most of the round. Sound familiar? Why does this scenario happen so often?

Let me give you some possible reasons. First, because of such a great start, you became so engrossed in what might be, you failed to stay in the present tense. You were thinking how

good is good going to be and you forgot about taking care of business. Each individual shot required your best concentration before it was executed. Making good shots one at a time would lead to a good score. Instead, you skipped over the reality of what needed to be done and started focusing on what would be the final result assuming it was done. This resulted in some high numbers the last couple of holes and major disappointment on your part. Many potentially good rounds have been shattered through the loss of concentration, which in turn causes you to get in your own way. A sure way to reduce or eliminate this common tendency is to stay focused and play each shot one at a time.

Second, you may become too involved with how you were doing against other players in your group and forgot about taking care of what you were sup-

posed to be doing. This occurs frequently when you are playing with good friends that you would especially like to beat, or if you are playing for a friendly wager with one or two of the players in your group. This concern creates anxiety which can and often does work against you. Now you become more focused on wanting to get their money than on taking care of your own game. You need to keep in mind that you are playing against the course and not against the players with whom you are betting. If you maintain your concentration, play each shot as it comes, and combine this with good course management, the results will likely be a lower score for you, and this will probably translate into a winning bet. You can only control what you do and therefore cannot let yourself get caught up in what is happening with other players.

Third, you may not have remained alert to changes that occurred in playing conditions caused by weather, particularly the wind. It is not uncommon to experience increases or decreases in wind velocity during the time it takes to complete a round. This will certainly affect how you make your club selection on different shots. The club you used earlier in the round for a particular distance might not be the club to use for the same distance later in the round. How you are able to adjust to change, even if it is only for several holes, can be the difference in preserving or losing a potentially good round.

If you are guilty of having allowed yourself to fall into any of these situations you probably now have a better understanding of why your score suffered for several holes. Concentration is such an important factor in golf. Lose it only for a few shots, for whatever the reason, and you are sure to pay the consequences. If you are interested in private golf lessons, Bob Gates can be contacted at (708) 425-8637 or (708) 857-2214.



Blue Island Community Expo

The Blue Island Area Chamber of Commerce, ComEd and The First National Bank of Blue Island will host a Community Expo at Eisenhower High School, 12700 S. Sacramento, September 30 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event features exhibits from retailers, service businesses, non profits, service organizations, city agencies and manufacturer's from the Blue Island area.

Those who attend will learn more about the products and services available as well as enjoy entertainment for the whole family. Thanks to Senator O'Malley, the U.S. Coast Guard Dolphin Helicopter is landing at 11:00 a.m. There will be musical entertainment by the Blue Island School of Music and Anna Stange. Other activities include a petting zoo, face painting, pony rides, antique cars, the fire trucks, the Police Department and a craft demonstration.

Admission is free. Visitors will be able to taste local cuisine and prizes will be awarded throughout the day.

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DiVito named Chair of Judicial Retention Committee

Gino L. DiVito, an attorney and former Appellate Court Justice, has been named chair of The Committee for Retention of Judges in Cook County, 2000.

DiVito will lead a non-partisan campaign to raise funds on behalf of the judges seeking retention and to encourage voters to vote intelligently for the 79 Cook County judges whose names will appear on the green ballot on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 7.

"As a group, they are among the finest judges in Cook County and include some of the most highly regarded judges of the county's circuit and reviewing courts," he said. "Most have outstanding individual records and should be retained."

DiVito, a partner at Quinlan and Crisbam, Ltd. and a panelist of Judicial Dispute Resolution, Inc., is a former Cook County trial judge and Appellate Court justice. He is the current chair of the Illinois chapter of the American Judicature Society

and is a past president of the Illinois Judges Association.

A Supreme Court judge, three Appellate Court judges, and 75 Circuit Court judges -- including four who are assigned to the Appellate Court -- are up for retention on the green ballot. They preside over a wide range of cases on issues that include child custody, divorce, criminal and all the other issues that protect citizens and vindicate their rights.

Voters will have an opportunity to vote "yes" or "no" for the retention judges when they vote Nov. 7 for other candidates for public office.



Gino L. DiVito

"It is a challenge for any voter to learn about so many candidates, but the consequences of a "no" vote are serious," DiVito said. "Previous elections show there is a built in 20 percent negative vote. Even the best judges seldom win more than a 75 percent "yes" vote. For that reason, retention judges deserve the time and effort necessary for intelligent and conscientious voting."

Ten Free Trees

Ten free trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during September 2000. The free trees are part of the non profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The ten trees are the American Redbud, White Pine, Sugar Maple, White Flowering Dog-

wood, Pin Oak, Red Maple, Birch, Silver Maple, Red Oak, and Colorado Blue Spruce.

"These trees were selected to provide benefits every season of the year: lovely spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors, and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds," said John Rosenow, the Foundation's president.

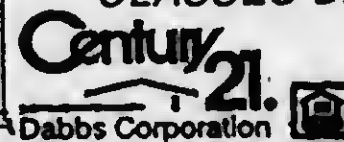
The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30, 2000.

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Military News

Army Pvt. David A. Grijalva has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of Mario and Angela Grijalva of Chicago, and grandson of Jesse and Mary Grijalva of Oak Lawn.

Army Pvt. David S. Lowery has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Lowery is the son of Jean M. and Kevin M. Lowery of Monee, IL.

His grandmother, Rosalie Morgan, resides in Chicago.

The private is a 1998 graduate of Peotone High School.



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Women and retirement, some new insights

According to the Bureau of the Census, nine out of ten women will be solely responsible for their own finances at sometime in their lives. In addition, another survey shows that 68% of women don't know how much income they will need in retirement to supplement Social Security and/or pension benefits. These statistics are important, because women, even more than men, can expect to live many years after they leave the work force and must prepare carefully in order to remain self supporting.

Many women do an excellent job managing their investments or finding the right person to help them. Others are apprehensive about investment planning or find it hard to put significant amounts aside for the distant future when there are so many pressing expenses today.

But ensuring a financially secure life after you retire often depends on decisions made decades in advance. Even a slight difference in the amount you put aside each year, or a subtle shift in investments - be they stocks, bonds, CDs, or any of the wide variety of mutual funds -- can make a huge difference in the size of your eventual nest egg.

New local elder care service is grandmother tested

An Omaha grandmother, who past 100 when she died, provided both inspiration and important practical advice in the creation of one of this area's fastest growing new service businesses.

"The late Eleanor Manhart, grandmother of Home Instead Senior Care founder Paul Hogan, played an important role in both the development and expansion of our business," said Diane Quirk, business owner of the Home Instead Senior Care Office serving Southwest Suburbs and South Chicago. "She provided important insights into the senior care market and advised us right up to her death in May, 1998."

Home Instead Senior Care provides an affordable solution for older individuals or couples who are capable of managing their physical needs, but who require non medical assistance -- companionship, meal prepara-

"Women's Cents" sheds light on many aspects of women's attitudes toward retirement planning. Conducted by the National Center for Women and Retirement Research of South Hampton, New York, and funded by Prudential Securities.

The study finds that women today usually have the right ideas about money and investing, but that they vary enormously in their success at putting those ideas to work. Moreover, it finds that what separates successful investors from unsuccessful ones is largely personality -- a force that matters far more than factors such as age, marital status, or even income.

Assertiveness, openness to change, and an optimistic outlook are the qualities that tend to lead to sound investment decisions, according to the study's findings. Conversely, the study identifies fear of failure and fear of the unknown as the main obstacle prudent planning and action. Here are a few tips:

*Fight fear of the unknown with knowledge - Most women who educate themselves on investing are comfortable with the decisions they have made. Good information on investing can be obtained from such sources as classes held at community colleges, non profit groups such as the American Association of Individual Investors, local invest-

ments clubs and seminars.

*Don't hesitate, automate - Above all, successful retirement planning requires investing regularly, month after month. To maintain this discipline, it helps to make the practice as effortless as possible. Many employees can arrange to have their employers deposit part of their pay each month into a retirement account such as a 401(k) plan.

*Start slow, start small - Many women shy away from investments with some inherent risk, like stocks. Novice investors prefer bonds as "less risky" than stocks, though stocks show superior long term potential. To get comfortable with stock ownership, new investors should begin by investing small amounts so they do not feel unduly anxious about short term setbacks.

*Stay in touch with the winners - Self confidence can be contagious. Women should remain on watch for friends and colleagues who have been particularly successful in managing their investments. They can be an invaluable source of inspiration and advice.

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In Touch With Health

Volunteer drivers needed to deliver meals from Advocate Christ Hospital

Advocate Christ Hospital and Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, is looking forward to volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound seniors. Serving the communities of Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn and Hometown, drivers visit 10 seniors once a week.

Drivers not only bring needed nourishment but also a friendly face and warm greetings to seniors. Distribution of meals takes less than three hours. If you have a car and are available between 10 a.m. and noon any weekday, call Carol O'Brien, Senior Advocate department, at (708) 346-4150 or (708) 346-5258.

In Touch With Health, the Therapeutic Massage Center in Evergreen Park welcomes Gaile Sprissler, MA, MT, to its staff. Gaile has 5 years experience of practice with two chiropractic offices, and teaches holistic health workshops. She is very enthusiastic about the results she has seen over the years and notes that current research is validating the positive effects of massage therapy, such as:

Improved blood flow, release of muscle tension, improved musculoskeletal structure and function, and stress reduction. A recent study demonstrated that massage therapy leads to improved concentration and mood, lower anxiety and depression, increased alertness as measured by an EEG, and decreased salivary cortisol levels. It also decreases muscle imbalances that can lead to muscle fatigue and injury.

The types of therapy that she uses most often are Orthobionomy, Myofascia Positional Release and Deep Tissue. She also includes Accupressure, Cranio Sacral, Joint Mobilization, and Reflexology among the techniques she uses.

In Touch With Health has been in Evergreen Park for 7 years, with owner, Jane Thackston, RN, BSN. Massage Therapist, Margaret Sharma, CC, MT, who has 5 years experience, and a variety of techniques is also part of the team, and loves working with seniors. She has been a teacher for about 25 years as well. For more information about massage therapy, or to schedule an appointment, please call (708) 424-8995.



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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

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Surviving These Back to School Days

Leave it to a T.V. show to inundate us with unlimited perspectives on one idea. Survivor. It has given each of us, in our own way, a chance to explore this topic to its fullest meaning.

For sixteen people, it means vying for a million bucks by 'surviving' on a deserted island.

Just for the record, I will unashamedly reiterate that I haven't watched a single episode of this, so called, reality T.V. show. But picking up the newspaper, you can't help but get, yet another, take on what is a survivor. It must be rubbing off because lately I've got survivor mentality on the brain.

It's been awhile since I've taken part in the chaos of 'back to school' shopping. My kids are old enough now that I can give them the cash and send them on their supply buying way.

But, last Sunday, as I ran into Wal-Mart for a package of stationary, I found myself stuck in a stampede, that happened to be in the school supply aisle. Everywhere you looked, moms and dads were pushing carts filled to the brim with back to school accessories. The way people were packed in like sardines, you'd think they were giving away free Poke Mon book bags or something!! The word survivor came to my mind, just watching these determined parents trying to get through their lists, amidst the moans and groans of little students who had to have every new item advertised. Just watching them get through those crowds without losing their tempers, qualifies as survival material to me.

As moms and dads, we are continually in a battle of survival, whether our kids are one or twenty one.

So far, I can thankfully say that I've managed to survive the

petulance of parenthood, though there have been times when I prayed for the chance to be left in the peace and quiet of a desert island. No such luck.

By the time our kids are heading in the direction of college, the journey toward restoring our sanity is pretty much under control. Hey, if they haven't made us totally crazy by then, we can celebrate our good fortune at having the stamina to be able to say, "We survived!!!"

This Fall there will be an endless amount of shows airing, whose scripted themes will be classified as *Reality T.V.*

But you don't have to turn on the television to realize that, in the reality of our lives, we're all surviving something -- which brings me back up to the current subject at hand. School bells are ringing, and as moms everywhere help little ones make the transition from summer fun to school days, may that peaceful, morning cup of coffee be welcomed in the much deserved quiet of our thoughts. For us the accomplishment of seeing our kids on their way to another grade wiser, makes for a survivor's success story, in our little corner making it to own survivor's success -- in our little corner of the world.

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Free blood pressure screenings at Oak Lawn Public Library

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The partnership is a collaboration with Advocate Christ Hospital and Medical Center, the Village of Oak Lawn, business and community members, to address health, wellness and lifestyle needs of the community.



Local heart patients reunites with physicians and nurses at picnic

Two and a half year old Jack Falsey of Oak Lawn recently reunited with the physicians and nurses who cared for his congenital heart disease. Jack was among hundreds of former pediatric heart patients at the 13th Annual Picnic sponsored by The Heart Institute for Children, headquartered at Advocate Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn. The reunion of former patients (ranging in age from infants to adults), their families, and staff from The Heart Institute for Children took place at Pioneer Woods in Palos Hills. Pictured at the picnic with Jack (right) are: face painter Martha Hankus (left); and Rene A. Arcilla, M.D., director of The Heart Institute for Children (center).

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Research continues in the fight against macular degeneration

A clinical trial currently underway in the University of Illinois at Chicago's Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science may lead to a treatment for the severe vision loss associated with age related macular degeneration (AMD), a devastating disease that effects more than 15 million Americans and is the leading cause of functional blindness in the industrialized world.

"The diagnosis of AMD is a particularly devastating one," says Jose S. Pulido, M.D., head of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science and lead investigator for the clinical trial. "AMD patients are faced with the reality that their sight will deteriorate to the point that they are unable to conduct daily activities the rest of us take for granted such as driving, walking, and reading. There is a huge emotional toll, as well. Almost every patient who receives the diagnosis experiences enor-

mous anxiety, followed quickly by fear, anger and depression as they learn that there is little to nothing that can be done to preserve their vision. It is our hope that these trials may lead to a proven treatment." Called the Rheopheresis Clinical Trial for Dry Age Related Macular Degeneration, the study involves the use of an apheresis blood filtering process that is similar to donating blood, to deplete unwanted fats and heavy proteins. These fat and proteins, called macromolecules, are known to promote certain types of diseases including vascular disease. The clinical trial is based on the theory that by depleting these macromolecules, blood vessel function in the retina and blood flow to the macula will be improved. This, in turn, may result in better vision — and renewed hope for patients diagnosed with certain forms of AMD.

AMD is the most common

cause of legal blindness in people over the age of 50. It occurs most frequently in white females aged 60 and over, and will affect one in six Americans between the ages of 55-64, one in four between the ages of 64-74 and one in three over the age of 75. The number of new AMD patients increases by 1.7 million each year.

AMD is believed to be a group of diseases that cause sight sensing cells in the macular zone of the retina to malfunction or lost function, resulting in a debilitating loss of retinal function and vital central or detail vision. It comes in two forms:

*Wet macular degeneration, which is the most severe form and can produce catastrophic loss of vision within minutes or months. It is characterized by the development of an obscuring membrane composed of tangles and capillaries that often spontaneously rupture or leak fluid.

*Dry macular degeneration, which represents 80 percent to 90 percent of cases. It is characterized by decreased vision in the

presence of fatty protein and/or fatty deposits called drusen which cause the progressive atrophy of blood vessels in the macular region.

The Rheopheresis Trial for Dry Age Related Macular Degeneration follows a 30 patient, FDA sanctioned pilot research study completed in 1999 at the University of Utah. The results of the study suggest that certain patients with dry AMD experienced improvement in their vision when they received treatments using the Rheofilter membrane differential filtration (MDF) blood filtering system.

The University of Illinois at Chicago's Ophthalmology and Visual Science Department is one of the 10 clinics nationwide taking part in the clinical trial, which is sponsored by Apheresis Technologies, Inc., of Palm Harbor, Fla. A total of 180 qualified patients will be enrolled in the randomized double masked study, which compares MDF, a form of therapeutic apheresis, a placebo treatment. MDF is a blood treatment that uses two filters, the Plasmaflo (a plasma

separator and the Rheofilter) plasma component separate to deplete unwanted fats and heavy proteins.

"Our hope is that this expanded study will demonstrate the safety and efficacy of this treatment for certain patients with dry AMD," says Pulido. "If the results from the pilot study are correct, we stand to help many patients." More detailed information on the Apheresis Clinical Trial for Age Related Macular Degeneration, including inclusion and exclusion criteria and treatment protocols, can be found at www.uichealth.org or www.occulogix.com.

Worth Township News

The Worth Township Senior Citizens Organization will be sponsoring a free Rules of the Road Review Course on Wednesday morning, Oct. 4, 2000 at Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski Rd., Alsip, from 10 a.m. to noon. Please register: (708) 371-2900 ext. 28.

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Free blood pressure screenings at the library

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership will offer free Blood Pressure Screenings at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., every third Wednesday at noon to 2 p.m. in the library's lower level meeting room. The next scheduled screening date is Wednesday, September 20. This free public service will be offered through November 2000.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Christ Hospital and Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

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Females account for majority of pneumonia hospitalizations in 1998

Females accounted for 52% of all pneumonia hospitalizations under a new report released by the Health Care Cost Containment Council. Females face an average charge of \$11,493 for a 5.5 day stay. In contrast, males were charged slightly more (\$11,287) for a shorter stay of 5.4 days.

The report showed the 1998 was one of the largest single year increases (nearly 6.5%) for pneumonia cases since 1991. More than twice the number of asthma hospital discharges, the 64,533 total surpassed the previous high of 62,500 cases, set in 1995. Before 1995, the highest increase in pneumonia cases occurred in 1993 with 61,212 discharges.

Pneumonia was also a top reason for hospitalization in Illinois during 1998, accounting for 4.2% of the 1.5 million discharges from 220 acute care hospitals. A typical hospital stay for pneumonia was 5.4 days, with an \$11,386 average charge.

These findings, contained in the Illinois Pneumonia

Hospitalizations 1998 Report, also identified pneumonia's far reaching impact among the elderly, which accounted for 58% of the state's 64,533 total pneumonia cases in 1998. Next came persons ages 45-64 with 16% of the total number, while children (up to age 17) were third with 15%.

For this report, the Council examined 11 different Health Service Areas subdividing Illinois. Hospitals in Chicago, suburban Cook County and DuPage County, representing two thirds of Illinois' 12 million population, had the most pneumonia cases, accounting for more than 48%.

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The consumer focused website www.medicines.md maintains regularly updated international price lists for the 120 most popular brand name prescription medicines and over 1300 generics. Consumers are able to evaluate their current prescription costs with the international prices for the same medications. Complete ordering information is available by visiting the website.

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Eyestrain problems afflict millions of computer users

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Eyestrain is the most common health complaint, reported by an estimated 10 million computer users. It is just one of the symptoms of Computer Vision Syndrome (or CVS), defined by the American Optometric Association as "the complexity of the eye and vision problems occurring during or immediately after computer use." CVS is believed to affect nearly nine out of every 10 computer users.

More than 70 million Americans use computers every day at work, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports. Predictions indicate that half of the working population will be using computers by the next year.

If you've ever experienced eyestrain, headaches,

difficulties in focusing, blurred vision, dry or irritated eyes, neck, and/or backaches, light sensitivity, distorted color vision and double vision while working at your computer, chances are you may have CVS.

Dr. Tanya M. Parks, Optometrist at the Sounds Clear Vision Center in Chicago says, "The more time you spend on a computer, the more likely the chances of stressing your eyes. If you are an intensive computer user, who sits in front of a computer 5 to 8 hours a day, 5 days a week, inadequate or poor lighting, glare, stress, awkward positions and posture, and any preexisting eye conditions (nearsighted, farsighted, astigmatism, focusing problems) can all increase the severity of CVS symptoms you experience."

Dr. Parks indicates there are a few things you can do to prevent CVS and relieve eyestrain:

*Take 20/20 breaks - For every 20 minutes, take a 20 second break and look away from the computer at a distance of 20 feet.

*Blink - Blinking your eyes intentionally can really help keeping them from becoming dry and irritated.

Place a post-it with "blink" on it to remind yourself to blink often.

*Lighting - Get adequate lighting at your work station.

*Eliminate reflections and glare - Light directly shining into eyes (direct glare) or reflections from surrounding surfaces (reflected glare), can cause eye fatigue. Check for glare (sunlight, windows, reflections) and eliminate the sources. Get an anti-glare screen on your computer.

*Position yourself - Position your computer screen 4-8 inches below eye level at a 10-20 degree angle at a distance of approximately 24 inches.

If you use a computer and have any of these complaints, you may suffer from CVS and should seek help from an optometrist. "Create an eye healthy environment near your computer station and you'll do better work and enjoy your workplace a whole lot more," says Dr. Parks.

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For reservations or more information please call the Development Director, Carlos Nunez, at (773) 581-2555 ext. 14. There is a \$35 registration fee for this event.

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Mike Witort, a reflexologist residing in

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Witort has been active in natural health for over thirty years and sees clients in the greater Chicago area. He explains that rather than diagnosing and treating specific medical disorders, reflexology promotes better health and well being in a natural way. It can be an important technique for alleviating the stress stored in our bodies and restoring a healthy balance.

Mike also practices myotherapy, a technique based on trigger point compression and strength rehabilitation. Myotherapy alleviates the chronic pain associated with muscle injuries due to accidents, strain, stress, and sports activities. It is also effective in the treatment of migraines, fibromyalgia, TMJ (jaw pain) and carpal tunnel syndrome.

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Now that my family's production (Joan's wedding in August) has successfully been achieved, I can look to theater in other venues. The curtain at Chicago Shakespeare Theater rises again this fall with a record breaking 21,000 subscribers enjoying the theater's second season on Navy Pier.

First up is *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* which runs to November 5. It tells the story of Proteus who pledges lifelong devotion to his hometown sweetheart Julia. Then he turns

around to steal the heart of Sylvia, his best friend Valentine's new girlfriend. Complicating and adding humor to the matter are a band of outrageous outlaws, two delightful clowns and a rascally dog named Crab.

Much of the cast was featured in Chicago Shakespeare's acclaimed inaugural season productions including Timothy Gregory who performed as Theseus/Oberon in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and as Bertram in *All's Well That Ends Well*. Runs to November 11.

More information on ticket purchases or availability and show times, call Chicago Shakespeare Theater Box Office (312) 595-5600.

"School for Scandal" follows: November 21 to January 14, 2001. The remainder of Chicago Shakespeare Theater's 2000-2001 Season includes: "The Herbal Bed" directed by Gary Griffen. Preview performances begin October 11, 2000 and performances are scheduled to run through January 21, 2001. *King Lear* follows directed by Barbara Gaines with previews beginning February, 2001, and performances to run through April 29. A special limited engagement of *Hamlet* adapted and directed by Peter

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Timothy Gregory (left) as Proteus, toys with the affections of Julia, played by Kate Fry, while Brian Vaughn (right) as Valentine, pines for his lover in William Shakespeare's *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*.

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The doors will open at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting will start at 8:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in the Parish Social Center 7450 W. 83rd St. in Bridgeview.

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The Ladies Guild of St. Paul in Oak Lawn will host their annual Fall Luncheon on September 26, at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will take place in the Fellowship Hall of St. Paul Church/School, located at 4660 W. 94th St. in Oak

Lawn.

The Ladies will be serving assorted salads along with a variety of fruit and nut breads. Cake and coffee will be served for dessert. Guest speaker at the Luncheon will be St. Paul principal, Mr. Aaron Landgrave.

Cost of the luncheon is \$6.50. Tickets are available by calling Irma Small at (708) 422-0874.

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The historic Dr. German House, 10924 S. Prospect Ave., Chicago, will host the 5th Annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday, Oct. 1 from noon to 4 p.m.

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Mount Zion to hold Annual Rummage Sale

The annual Rummage Sale sponsored by the Mount Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Women will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,

Wednesday, Oct. 4, and from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Oct. 5, at the church, 10400 S. Kostner, Oak Lawn.

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When seeking financial aid for college the parents of foreign born students income is not considered like that of other college aged students, whose parents are not only expected to contribute to their children's educational expenses but also to continue paying state and federal taxes.

In fact, when an American born student applies for financial aid his/her parents' income is automatically considered when determining the students needs whether or not these parents have agreed to finance their child's education.

If a student reports that his/her parents do not wish to contribute to their education or that their parents existing bills do not allow them to contribute. The student is then offered loans which must be paid back with interest.

The foreign born student is offered state and federal grants which do not have to be paid back. The American born student is not offered these free grants (no paying back with interest!).

American parents are not free to stop paying state and federal taxes whereas foreign parents are not expected to contribute to the tax system of the state their child resides in or to the federal tax system of the United States. It is not reasonable to first finance the education of people who have never contributed to our tax system (which provides the necessary funds for higher education) before financing the education of people who have themselves and their families contributed (in many cases for generations) and have never received grant money for college.

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Great women of history

With women being prominent in every level of society I think it is time to reflect on two women, one a natural mom and one an adoptive mom, of the Old Testament and how their love for a child changed the course of history. It is also interesting to review how as far back as thousands of years ago women ruled nations but for the past 225 years the U.S.A. has not yet elected a female president.

In the Book of Exodus, there is a sample of a mother's love for her endangered child in Chapter 2. A Levite woman gives birth to a healthy young son while still in the land of Egypt under the rule of Pharaoh. Oppression of all Hebrews and genocide of Hebrew baby boys are Pharaoh's law.

Alarmed by this the Levite woman hides her boy for three months, reaching a time when he can be hidden no longer. Having no options remaining, the Levite, believed to be known as Jochebed, makes a hand woven papyrus basket, tucks the boy inside, and places the basket among the reeds in the river for an Egyptian woman to find. While the natural mother slipped back home, a young Egyptian woman came down to the river to bathe.

The woman, who turned out to be Pharaoh's daughter, recognized the boy to be from the Hebrew camp. She eagerly took the boy home to adopt him and keep him safe from her father's law of oppression. The woman recognized immediately that this was a bright, young boy with great potential. She

raised him very well and quite coincidentally with the help of the birth mother.

It turned out the adoptive mom needed a Hebrew to nurse the baby. Unknown to Pharaoh's daughter, the natural mother was chosen to nurse Moses. As we all know, Moses became one of the single greatest figures in the Old Testament!

In another note on women in leadership positions over nations in history, it is only fair that the Queen of Sheba is recognized for her contributions. First of all, where is Sheba (or Seba)? Sheba is said to have been in Northwest Arabia or possibly Ethiopia. The Sabaeans are said to have been a caravan people. They were the traders of incense, textiles, gold and precious stones. Their wealth is listed in several books of the Old Testament.

The Queen of Sheba comes to King Solomon in Jerusalem with camels, bearing gold, spices and precious stone. But more importantly, she came to test the wisdom of Solomon. It is believed the Queen of Sheba also came to see Solomon to secure trade agreements. But both the Old and New Testament tells us that upon seeing Solomon and his court as well as hearing his wisdom and observing his wealth, she was convinced he was truly gifted by God.

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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge



Union strikers call for security

Union strikers (from left) Ken Koval, chief steward, Chester Mocarski and Henry Wrobel, welcome support from union advocate Karl Groth (front-center) as they picket Precision Gear in the Bedford Park industrial park for job security, better benefits and pay. The strike is starting its fourth month.

By Rick Techman

More than 230 striking union machinists from a Department of Defense industrial contracting facility in Bedford Park are seeking job security for all members while the new owner, a Canadian company, begins already to eliminate skilled craftsmen and filter work to subcontractors.

The Canadian firm, Derlan, has already started looking for a buyer for its Precision Gear Division at 73rd Street and Meade Avenue just west of Ford City. Derlan officials, almost immediately after purchasing Precision Gear, threatened massive layoffs for most workers. While the skilled workforce remains outside on the picket lines at Precision Gear, management personnel are reportedly continuing production.

The skilled rank and file workers of I.U.E. local 1199 of the AFL-CIO, most with more than 15 years experience in their field, are now on the picket lines calling for a fair contract. The union workers, all of whom have already long completed their apprenticeships and are now professional machinists, want simply a secure future with reasonable

benefits and deserved compensation. Strikers state they have not had a pay raise in about five years.

Precision Gear union machinists build transmission gears for a series of military helicopters and a fighter. Some advocates for a strong U.S. armed forces are concerned foreign ownership and eventual divestment of Precision Gear to more distant international competitors and subcontractors will weaken national security and affect military readiness.

Union workers state pay and benefits alone do not motivate them to strike. They insist this strike, which is already starting its fourth month, centers on keeping good-paying, professional jobs on the southwest side. Furthermore, strikers said, sub-contractors and foreign entities shouldn't be trusted with these highly skilled, national security related jobs.

Union advocate, Karl Groth, Republican candidate for Congress, said, "We ask a lot from our military and we have an obligation to make sure that the equipment they use is of the highest quality made by the most skilled workers available. I worry about subjecting our military men and women," he

continued, "to a 'Firestone' situation where their lives are put in danger."

Picketing worker, Ken Koval, the chief steward on the day shift, explained passing workers from neighboring plants frequently beep or show other signs of support for their cause. Also, he said, some truck drivers and concerned citizens provide food and money so they can continue picketing. "Just the moral support," Koval closed, "means a lot to these guys."

Lawmakers propose less government

By Rick Techman

Two local Illinois legislators fielded questions and concerns about state issues affecting Chicago residents at a forum conducted by a community group during the its monthly meeting last week. After responding to their constituents at the meeting, both Republicans conducted the installation of new officers at the Clearing Civic League.

Prescription drug coverage, property tax relief and lower license plate fees highlighted the topics of discussion State Representative Eileen Lyons (R-47) brought to the floor when she had her chance to speak. Lyons said while the President and Congress debate ways of making prescription drugs more

accessible to seniors from the federal level, the legislature and Governor have already reached an agreement to offer a prescription drug plan in Illinois.

Lyons said she and State Senator Christine Radogno (R-24) decided to return money from the big tax surplus in Springfield to the taxpayers in these programs rather than use the surplus for additional big government spending. Lyons also explained relief for seniors in the price of Illinois license plates and registration will be available.

Both Radogno and Lyons answered questions from residents regarding state issues. Radogno assured residents that tollway collections go strictly to fund tollway upkeep and improvements and are also used to pay off bonds purchased to fund the road. But she said the across the board increases on license and registration fees for vehicles were used to fund Illinois First offering millions of dollars for projects throughout the state. Radogno assured taxpayers that Illinois vehicle registration fees are still about the lowest in the midwest.

Speaking briefly, State Senator Christine Radogno (R-24) informed listeners that the Illinois circuit breaker program has been expanded to reach more of the state's senior population and expand medical care to more of the poorest seniors.

"It's always nice to come here," Radogno said, "but we've been out of session all summer so we

don't have much to talk about in terms of new or pending issues right now. It's been pretty quiet," she added, "but as you know its election season and pretty soon you'll be getting mail and seeing signs and things like that."

"There's a surplus in government," Lyons said, "and there are those of us who would like to spend that money and there are those of us who would like to give it back to the taxpayers. We really do believe that the money belongs," she added, "in your pocket not government's pocket. We need less government."

Fairs and Festivals update

The newly designed Fall/Winter Fairs and Festivals Guide is currently in production and is scheduled to be distributed later this month. The guide, which highlights events around Illinois by region, will cover October 2000 through March 2001. It will be distributed through CVBs, state parks and various attractions, as well as included in the fulfillment kits. Call 1-800-2CONNECT for a copy.



State legislators Christine Radogno (R-24) and Eileen Lyons (R-47) (standing, far right) pledge the recently elected Clearing Civic League officers to their next term as leaders of this worthwhile, local advocacy organization. Richard Zilka (standing, center) receives the gavel of presidential leadership from the lawmakers. Zilka has presided over this group now for about 15 years.

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Passport photographs were first required by regulation in 1914.

The Chicago Ridge Board approves purchases

by Jude Coyle

Taking time to drive through Chicago Ridge, one will notice the lack of crosswalks and stop lines at intersections. Hoping to change that, at the 9/5, Village Board Meeting, Public Works Department Superintendent Jack Lind asked for approval to purchase a new pressure washer, and a line striper. He explained how Public Works currently uses a striper the size of a chalk striper used on baseball diamonds. This is time consuming and costly. He explained how it takes several cans of spray paint to do one intersection, and how this particular unit was meant to paint stripes in small parking lots once a year.

The new striper is considerably larger and looks more like a lawn mower. Public Works employees will be able to paint lines on many streets in less time, the paint will last longer and the machine will use less paint. It is also easy to clean. The model Mr. Lind is recommending will cost \$4,075.

He also asked for a pressure washer. This will shoot high pressured steam, and clean graffiti from sidewalks and buildings. He plans to use the washer to clean up old lines from crosswalks, and reline those same crosswalks using the new striper. The pressure washer will cost \$2,956.

Also of note, Mr. Lind explained that in September and October of each year, his Department re-

moves dead and dying trees, and those threatening to topple over. According to Village code, residents are required to replace those trees. Because of that the Village will assume 50% of the cost of the replacement. Mr. Lind fin's particular dissatisfaction with the manner in which ComEd trims trees, particularly since some are completely cleared of branches on one side, making them tipsy, and likely to fall sideways.

Also at the September 5, Meeting, the Board approved two purchases for the Fire Department. First is a brand new ambulance. According to Fire Chief Randy Grossi, the new vehicle will cost \$127,755. \$120,000 of this is to come from grant money. Chicago Ridge currently operates three ambulances. The new one is a replacement.

Chief Grossi plans to transfer equipment from the old ambulance to the new. The only items he plans to purchase are a stretcher and an onboard computer. He recommended that the old ambulance is transferred to E.S.D.A.

Chief Grossi also asked permission to replace 8 pagers. The total amount of that purchase is \$3,159. Like the striper and pressure washer, the pagers were budgeted for.

In the fields of observation, chance favors only the prepared mind.

—Louis Pasteur

The collapse of the Stewart House is the finale for neighbors and mayorship

The Robert Stewart House
An Editorial by:
F J Soczek

*Whither is fled the visionary gleam?
Where is it now, the glory
and the dream?*

William Wordsworth

Officials from the *Friendly Village* culminated an unprecedented ten-year siege of malicious harassment with the wanton, court-sanctioned destruction of the Robert Stewart home in Worth.

A carnival atmosphere prevailed as the curious gathered with lawn chairs and video recorders to record for posterity the carnage as a solitary backhoe turned a man's dreams into dust.

A significant part of the Worth municipal payroll was present to maintain "order." Additional Police support from nearby Palos was also evident, mainly to keep the onlookers a safe distance from the demolition.

Perhaps the only humane aspect of this ignominious miscarriage of justice was the fact Robert Stewart, creator of the stately edifice at 7360 W. 110th St. was lying on his back in a hospital bed, unable to witness the abject cruelty that can be inflicted upon another human being.

"Puhlease, your Honor, it is for the *Safety of the Children*," Village Attorney Donna McDonald had argued, with the shallow affectation of an amateur Thespian.

But somehow, McDonald

failed to mention the two (count 'em) eight foot chain link security fences that surrounded Stewart's home.

And there was the request from a local reporter (under the Freedom of Information Act) for police records for the past ten years involving accidents and injuries to anyone on or near the Stewart property.

Perhaps an interested citizen might want to ask Worth Village Clerk Patricia Miller why she refused to supply such vital information that would buttress the Village's contention that such a hazard to public safety must be immediately addressed.

An additional request (to Ms. Miller) was made for an opportunity to examine the much vaunted "Engineering Report" conducted with tax dollars on the Stewart House.

Again, Ms. Miller flatly refused, citing "pending litigation."

Ultimately, one copy of an engineering report was discovered buried within the voluminous files at the Bridgeview courthouse.

According to the professional engineer named Johnson, (again, paid for by the Village of Worth) the Stewart home was structurally unsound and was in danger of collapse at any time.

Ms. Miller's reticence became immediately apparent. The report was dated 1990.

Official court transcripts indicate Village counsel Odelson & Sterk knowingly withheld important information regarding the structural design of the Stewart home.

The most recent Village-sanctioned engineering report stated Stewart built his home "without permits and without the benefit of professional guidance."

When documents prepared by a licensed and certified architect were later discovered and tendered in open court to rebut the latter assertion, Judge Stack suggested the matter be presented to the battery of Village legal counsel.

Attorney Burton Odelson slowly shook his head when presented with the revelation and looked the other way.

And who can forget the now legendary end run when Village counsel clearly set a new record by managing to get thrown out of two Cook County Circuit Court rooms in less than an hour.

Professing an extreme emergency (remember the Johnson engineering report?)

Atty. Donna McDonald appeared before Judge Egan, who was totally unfamiliar with the history of the ten year old case.

The problem was, McDonald failed to appraise Judge Egan of the entire picture.

Upon the discovery of such a minor omission, (the case had endured for almost a decade before another Judge who was intimately familiar with the matter) Village counsel was immediately called into Egan's chambers.

A furious Egan soundly chastised McDonald afterward in open court.

Oblivious to the court's censure, Village counsel (this time Burton Odelson)

immediately sought adjudication from yet another judge unfamiliar with the case.

Desperate to ensure the safety of the school children, Odelson told the court clerk he "would take any judge" in vacationing Judge Stack's absence.

Within minutes, Odelson appeared before Judge Michael Murray and argued that it was indeed, a "new case, your honor."

An irate Judge Murray sternly responded to the tawdry maneuver.

"I'll never know why this case went to Egan this morning," Murray intoned. "It's the same case, Mr. Odelson. You know it and I know it. This is an obvious case of forum shopping."

Perhaps it was not about safety after all.

But just what was it that caused the Village of Worth to appear over 80 times in court to persecute a solitary individual in pursuit of his far from illusionary dream?

And at a cost of hundreds of thousands of tax dollars for legal fees, not to mention the time and efforts of Village payrollers?

Most of the crowd of onlookers remained morose and stunned that such a travesty of justice was, indeed actually occurring.

But then, there were certain "neighbors," who gleefully chuckled between sips of champagne as they celebrated Mr. Stewart's misfortune.

And perhaps the most painful irony of all was the fact they were drinking out of large, disposable paper cups.

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Chief Saunders makes plans for the future

by: Jude Coyle

At the September 18 meeting of the Evergreen Park Village Board, Mayor Anthony Vacco introduced three men who were recently promoted within the ranks of the Evergreen Park Police Department. They were Deputy Chief Dennis C'Dowd, Lt. James Siroky, and Sergeant of Detectives Daniel Eisenbeis. These men move up to take positions created by the retirement of Chief Thomas Evoy, and the promotion of Chief Michael Saunders.

Chief Saunders commented that Chief Evoy and his predecessor had built a solid foundation. Asked what plans he had for the future, he replied that most of his ideas would depend upon allowances built into future budgets.

One area he planned to concentrate on and if possible, improve, is evidence handling procedures. Chief Saunders referred to Sergeant of Detectives Daniel Eisenbeis who has completed specialized training at Northwestern University.

When one considers the importance of something as basic as evidence handling, one has to consider cases like the Browns Fried Chicken Murders and incidents that led to Illinois' moratorium on death sentences, and how they have been affected by poor evidence handling, to realize how important this is.

Eisenbeis explained that his training centered on gathering evidence as varied as blood stains, DNA, gunpowder, gunpowder patterns and stains, clothing, chemi-

cals and the like; how to store evidence, and how to transport it. The Illinois Police Crime Labs provide analysis of most items. Taking fingerprint evidence, and analyzing it, is something that is done in house.

Eisenbeis also spoke of plans to send other officers to Northwestern for training.



Advocate Christ Hospital and Medical Center seeks volunteer members

Advocate Christ Hospital and Medical Center, 4440 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn, is currently seeking new members for its volunteer department. Volunteers are needed Sunday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Volunteers donate their services in patient and non patient areas. There are volunteer opportunities in a variety of areas, including ambulatory care, clerical areas, emergency room, patient care religion and health, security, and social services. Volunteers are also needed for special events, blood drives, intermittent meetings and gift shops.

For more information, call the Christ Hospital volunteer office at (708) 346-5248.



Candidates at a recent visit to Illinois

Chairmen of the Ethics for Bush 2000 outreach team greet GOP Presidential candidate and Texas Governor George W. Bush and Vice Presidential Candidate Dick Cheney at an airport during a recent visit to Illinois. The Ethics for Bush 2000 program is headed by Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka and is an unprecedented effort by Illinois Republicans to reach out to non-traditional racial and ethnic groups. Pictured left to right: Shinae Chun, Joseph P. Galvan, Bush, Cheney, and Tod Miles. Photograph by Teresa J. Potasiak.

Plans to upgrade existing water supply system

By: F.J. Soczek

The Oak Lawn Board of Trustees unanimously approved the first phase of a project to create a new, larger water supply main originating in the City of Chicago.

According to Village Engineer Lynn Krauss, a brand new 54 inch diameter pipeline will be constructed from the City of Chicago Southwest pumping station (Durkin Park) at 83rd Street & Kedvale Ave. to the Charles J. Reich Pumping Station, 91st & Kilbourn in Oak Lawn.

As noted in a draft prepared by the law department from the City of

Chicago, the new construction is planned in anticipation of increased sales by the Village of Oak Lawn of Chicago-supplied water.

"Oak Lawn presently seeks to add the Village of New Lenox, the Village of Mokena and the Village of Frankfort as additional municipal customers, and is also contemplating other additional municipal customers."

The City of Chicago has agreed to provide the additional water, contingent upon the upgrading of the existing water supply system.

Two phases are initially planned for the project. One

phase calls for a pipe which includes a 48 inch control valve to extend from the Chicago pumping station to the city limits at 87th St. The second phase will run through the Village of Hometown to Oak Lawn's pumping station at 91st & Southwest Highway.

The cost of the project will be paid, in its entirety, by the Village of Oak Lawn.

Contractual provisions have been established by the City of Chicago to ensure the work will be completed in an expedient manner. Funds from performance bonds will be withheld from contractors failing to meet project deadlines.

Prior to the commencement of the project, the Village of Oak Lawn must provide the City of Chicago "evidence that it has appropriated the funds necessary to complete the construction and repair of any areas damaged by the construction."

The contract requires notification of all residents within a one block perimeter of the construction, along with a name and address of the contact person with whom inquiries can be made.

"Prior to commencement, a video tape will be taken of all parkways, trees, sidewalks and driveways within and surrounding the construction area."

"All areas damaged during the construction shall be restored to their original condition or better."

The plan proposal requires construction shall be coordinated with Chicago's capital construction program and maintain compliance with all Chicago regulations and requirements governing new construction, such as bonds, insurance.

The Village Oak Lawn shall not release any retention funds to its contractors until such time that the Chicago accepts the restoration work performed and all damage claims made against the contractors have

been settled.

Contractors will be required to provide a minimum, one year warranty on their work. Contract language requires Oak Lawn to obtain, "to the maximum extent possible, both standard and (if offered) extended term warranties from each of its contractors and suppliers." Costs for any "additional" or "extended" warranties will be the responsibility of the Village of Oak Lawn.

The contract provides for Alternative Dispute Resolution in the event a disagreement arises involving real and personal property damage, construction defects, bodily injury or wrongful death, non-disclosure, misrepresentation, fraud, monetary damages, rescission of any agreement, enforceability of the agreement or specific performance.

Binding arbitration will be conducted by the American Arbitration Association in the event mediation attempts prove unsuccessful.

No figures were provided detailing the estimated production cost of the project, nor how the funding will be obtained.

A timetable for completion was also omitted from agreement documents provided by the Village Clerk.

In a separate matter, a ten year extension of the existing water contract between the Village of Oak Lawn and City of Chicago was also approved by the Board.

Three successive, renewable ten year terms are included in the agreement.

Currently, Oak Lawn supplies water obtained from Chicago to Palos Hills, Palos Park, Chicago Ridge, Country Club Hills, Matteson, Oak Forest, Orland Park, Olympia Fields, Tinley Park and over one thousand separate accounts outside the limits of the latter municipalities.

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Senator Christine Radogno

by Carlene E. O'Connor

At a recent Palos Hills-Hickory Hills Chamber of Commerce meeting, Senator Christine Radogno spoke about some of the things she has been doing while in office.

In Springfield she supported a measure so that more seniors would qualify for Medicaid.

In the Fiscal year 2001, the eligibility level will be 70 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. That is approximately \$5,768 per year. Fiscal year 2002 will see the eligibility level increase to 85 percent or \$7,004 1 year for a family of one. The third and final phase will occur in 2003 with an eligibility level of 100 percent of the FPL (approximately \$8,240 per year).

Under current law, seniors who have incomes of up to 43 percent of the FPL would qualify for Medicaid expansion.

Providing Illinois motorists with relief from paying tax upon tax, Illinois lawmakers passed a measure in June that suspended the state sales tax on gasoline for six months, said Radogno. The suspension has been in effect since July 1 and will remain until December 31, 2000.

"Suspending the state sales tax on gas will put money back into the pockets of consumers

who are being hit hard by skyrocketing gas prices," said Radogno. "This suspension will also allow Illinois gas stations to remain competitive with neighboring states who draw business away with their lower gas prices."

Radogno is pleased residents throughout the 24th District are now saving money on their electric bills. Since lawmakers demanded a 20 percent base rate reduction, consumers have saved \$5 million on their electric bills.

Another measure close to Radogno is the state's Circuit Breaker Program.



"We have worked hard over the last few weeks to come up with a plan that benefits the entire state," said Radogno. "Expanding the Circuit Breaker and Medicaid Programs will assist those seniors who need assistance in purchasing life saving medications."

Under House Bill 3872 sponsored by Radogno, as many as 500,000 additional seniors would be eligible for the state's Circuit Breaker Program which provides property tax grants and pharmaceutical assistance.

Radogno's office is located 521 S. LaGrange Rd., Suite 104, LaGrange 60525. Call her at (708) 354-6700 with questions, comments or concerns.

Use of Locomotive Horns at Crossings

On January 13, 2000 the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway Rail Grade Crossings were published in the Federal Register. The following will help you to obtain information on the subject and to make comments on the documents.

*How to get a copy of NPRM or the DEIS: on the internet copies can be downloaded from the FRA website at <http://www.fra.dot.gov/horns>. Printed copies may be requested in writing at: Federal Railroad Administration, Office of Safety, 1120 Vermont Ave. N.W., Mail Stop 17, Washington, DC 20590; Attn: Locomotive Horns.

*To get additional information on the subject: background studies and reports,

press releases, and detailed information on how to make comments are available from the FRA website.

*How to make written comments on the NPRM or the DEIS: mail written comments to Docket Clerk, DOT Central Docket Management Facility, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Plaza-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

*Include the docket numbers in your submission: NPRM Docket Number: FRA-1999-6439; DEIS Docket Number: FRA-1999-6440. Separate submissions are required for the NPRM and DEIS.

*Internet may be used to: make written comments on NPRM and DEIS, view documents in the docket, web address: <http://dms.dot.gov>.



SEPA 3 renamed in honor of Senator Louis Viverito

Left to right: Hugh McMillan, Gen. Superintendent, Commissioner Terrence O'Brien, President M.W.R.D., and Senator Louis S. Viverito and wife Carolyn, and Senator Patrick O'Malley

SEPA 3 renamed in honor of Senator Louis Viverito

On September 21, SEPA 3, located in Blue Island, was renamed, "The Louis Viverito Sidestream Elevated Pool Aeration Station," in honor of Senator Louis Viverito, a former Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Senator Viverito, presently serving as a member of the Illinois State Senate, is also the Supervisor of Stickney Township and has been the Democratic Committeeman for Stickney for over twenty five years.

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, who is President of the M.W.R.D. served as Master of Ceremonies and presented Viverito with a plaque.

Commissioner O'Brien stated, "Senator Viverito's entire public life has been one of service, and today we specifically address the impact he had on the M.W.R.D. during his years as Commissioner." Senator Viverito d the Board to its decision to construct five beautiful waterfall stations along the Calumet River and Cal-Sag Channel.

The many dignitaries on hand included Senator Patrick O'Malley, Mayor Anthony Vacco of Evergreen Park, Mayor Eugene "Gene" Siegel of Chicago Ridge, Mayor Chester Strenzek of Crestwood, a representative from Senator Emil Jones' office, and other government officials.

Library announces Opera lecture series

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host eight free opera lectures that coincide with the Lyric Opera of Chicago's 2000-2001 season. Lectures will be held on select Sundays at 2 p.m., September through February, in the library's lower level meeting room.

Members of the Lyric Lecture Corps will present informative sessions that explain the plot, give background on the composer and provide a sampling of musical selections. The September and October listings are:

* Rigoletto: Sunday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m.

The friends at Oak Lawn Library sponsor this eight lecture series.

A complete schedule of adult programs offered at the Oak Lawn Public Library is available at their Community Information Centers, first floor, and at their website, www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us. For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, (708) 422-4990.



From the White House

If someone you know will be celebrating a 50th wedding anniversary or an 80th birthday (or older) you can request a greeting card from the President and First Lady by sending a written request. Please allow at least six weeks.

The Greetings Department, Old Executive Office Building, Room 39, Washington, DC 20500.

Homestead Exemption

If you are turning 65 in the near future and own a home, you are eligible for the Homestead Exemption. This tax relief program reduces the equalized assessed valuation by \$2,500 which can result in a tax savings of \$250 on your property tax bill.

The Homestead Exemption form is available at the Senior Center in Oak Lawn.

College Administrators are trading their titles for grade books

A new course at Moraine Valley has everyone involved in preparing students to be successful during their college experience.

COL-101, College: Changes, Challenges, Choices teaches time management, study skills, decision making, and appreciation for diversity. The course was designed to "clarify for students what it takes to be a successful college student," said Joann Wright, assistant dean of new Student Retention.

A consistent observation of college academic review teams is that increasing numbers of students begin college without having mastered the skills it takes to be successful in college, according to Wright. Preparing students to be disciplined academically is in the best interest of the student, Wright said.

COL-101, an eight week, one hour, credit course, gives students the skills to be good learners. It was added to the requirement for full time students, beginning with the spring 2000 semester.

To accommodate the need to make COL-101 available to a great number of students at Moraine Valley, college



Eugene Moore

Eugene Moore to address Brandt Actioneers

Eugene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will speak before the Brandt Actioneers, Wednesday, October 11 at 1:30 p.m. at Pilgrim Faith Church, 9411 S. 51st Avenue, Oak Lawn.

Margaret Matson, President, said that Moore will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office and services available to Cook County residents.

Mr. Moore served with distinction for four terms as Illinois State Representative. He has also been very active in civic affairs over the years.

administrators--department directors, deans, and vice presidents--are joining faculty to teach it.

Educators at Moraine Valley say students are the real winners as a result of COL-101. "I really believe we are helping students be the best students they can be," Wright said.

For more information, call Mark Horstmeier, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5742.

American Cancer Society 1-800-ACS-2345

Have you wondered about cancer? What is it? Who gets it? How do you keep from getting it? With the American Cancer Society's toll free information line, your questions can be answered. Find out about: accredited mammography facilities, cancer prevention, detection and treatment, programs and services for people with cancer, locating a second opinion and how to make a memorial donation.

Worth Township Senior Citizens Organization

The next Worth Township Senior Meeting will be on Friday, October 6, 2000 in the gym of the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip. Our program will include singing by a Barbershop Quartet. Refreshments will be served. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. Call for more information, (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

April 3, 2001 Election

There will be an election on Tuesday, April 3, 2001 in the Village of Oak Lawn for the offices of Mayor, Clerk, Trustees in District 2,4, and 6, Library Board Trustees, Park Board Commissioners and School Board Members.

Candidates seeking public office may circulate nominating petitions beginning October 25. Candidates Guides may be obtained from the Senate Board of Elections, James R. Thompson Center, suite 14100, Chicago, 60601, (312) 814-6440. Petitions are filed with the Oak Lawn Village Clerk in January. For further information, please call Jayne Powers, Oak Lawn Village Clerk at (708) 499-7738.

McDonough Chapel Consultant opens Theology South series

On Thursday, October 5th, Theology South opens its 2000-2001 series with a talk by Father Mark Joseph Costello, OFM, Cap., entitled "The Role of Art and Environment in the Development of Faith." Father Costello was a consultant artist and designer for St. Xavier's recently opened McDonough Chapel, so his remarks should be of particular interest. This will be the 17th year that Theology South has presented its six lecture series on subjects of religious interest to South Side audiences.

The theme for this year's series is taken from Psalm 15:1 "Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy mountain?"

Three of the lectures deal with the changing spirituality of today: "Spirituality Unmoored/Spirituality

Worth Township will be sponsoring a Free Hearing Screening on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2000 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Worth Center. Please register by calling (708) 371-2900, ext. 28.

Fitness in the Fall

The Oak Lawn Park District's Community Pavillion is trying to strike "can't fit exercise into my schedule" from the list of usable excuses from non exercisers. This fall, the Pavillion -- located at 9401 S. Oak Park Ave. -- offers affordable fitness classes day and night, six days per week.

"Our offerings are a great opportunity for people to get fit for a fresh start in the fall season," says Kurt Heinlen, the Pavillion's assistant manager and supervisor of fitness classes.

* Aerobics - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

* No Jump Aerobics - M-W-F, 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

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Would you be interested in an evening 55 Alive Review Course at the Worth Township Center? If yes, please call (708) 371-2900, ext. 28. If enough respond, we will schedule a class.

* Cross Training Aerobics - M-W-F, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.,

* Aerobic Circuit Weight Training - Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

* Bench Step Aerobics - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

* Seniorscise - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

* Slimnastics - Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

* Kickboxing - Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

* Healthwalking - Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

* Senior Healthwalking - Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Most of these fitness classes run in six or 12 week sessions. On site baby-sitting is offered for individuals enrolled in these fitness classes at a rate of \$2 an hour for Oak Lawn residents or \$2.50 an hour for non residents. The Oak Lawn Park District also offers fitness classes and baby-sitting at another facility, the Oakview Center (4625 W. 110 St.) Registration is currently on going for fitness classes at both facilities.

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ture which will take place on March 29th, all lectures will be held the first Thursday of the month (except January) from October through March in the main lounge of St. Xavier University, 3701 W. 103rd St. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 9:00 a.m. with the talk and discussion afterwards from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The price of admission for individual lectures is \$5 or \$25 for the series. For additional information call Donatta Yates at (708) 422-1635.

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The Worth Township Senior Citizens will be sponsoring a 55 Alive Course run by AARP on Wednesday, October 25 and Thursday, October 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Worth Township Center. Register at (708) 371-2900, ext. 28. The fee is \$10 and entitles anyone over 50 to receive a discount on their auto insurance.

Saint Xavier's S.T.A.R. Learning Academy

Saint Xavier University is now offering assistantships in the Learning Disabilities and Reading graduate programs. Assistantships include a tuition waiver for six semester hours of course work for both fall and spring semesters. The assistant will spend eight to sixteen hours per week in activities at the Saint Xavier University S.T.A.R. Learning Academy. The deadline for application is October 9, 2000.

Applicants must meet required criteria including acceptance into Graduate Learning Disabilities or Graduate Reading program, unemployment or under employment, financial need, a strong academic record, and commitment to working with children in a diagnostic and remedial setting.

Saint Xavier University's Master of Arts program in Learning Disabilities includes courses in the identification, diagnosis, and remediation of learning disabled children. The Master of Arts program in Reading educates the individual to function as a developmental or remedial reading teacher and diagnostician; or as an advisor for developmental and remedial reading problems.

For more information contact S.T.A.R. Learning Academy at (773) 298-3485.

Garden Center for the Handicapped

Garden Center for the Handicapped needs rummage for their semi annual rummage sale. Donations of rummage will be accepted Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 8333 South Austin Ave. in Burbank.

Rummage Sale will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 19th, 20th, and 21st; Bake Sale Thursday and Friday. For further information, please call (708) 636-0054.



NumAstrology & Your Month Ahead

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For those born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Money is an issue, but not an unsolvable thing...just ask...meditate it into your month...accept offers, win it. Some of you find it. Money and Loving should be your Focus now. Capricorn and D or M help, ask.

For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: When you say it and sound like you mean it, people listen up! This is one of those months to drive your point across and stay with decisions you make. Gemini, Virgo and D involved. Exercise more!

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Many of you want to travel, others want to take a Sabbatical. Whatever you decide to do, let others in on what you are doing, someone wants to do the same thing, with you. V and A involved.

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: It is said that if you can "think it" you can bring it into reality. Meditation on self-healing and making your mind a "magnetic tool" to bring things to you can work for you this week especially. F aids.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: It really is not up to someone else to speak for you or do things you can do for yourself. Speak up for your needs and remember, you are the captain of your own life's-ship. You know what to do, do it. A aids.

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You might do well to start a new budget. Some of you could win money and be tempted to spend, spend and spend some more. No! Don't you do it, plan ahead for those tomorrows. James or J helps.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Some of you meet what is called your "soul mate" and this person may be someone S or J. Then others in your influence of Aquarius may seek schooling or sign up for courses. Virgo, Leo and someone R helps.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Your home is where you should feel comfortable. Fix it up, get rid of things you no longer need, and lastly, this is a week for meditative planning. B helps, ask.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: Yep. It walks like a Duck and quacks like one too, so...? Apply this as food for thought about who is walking on your path this month. Be selective. Reach out to new and interesting people. M advises. Listen!

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The new Tinley Park Convention Center, 18501 S. Harlem Avenue, will host the Chicago Southland Fall Antique Show, Saturday and Sunday, November 25 and 26, 2000.

Offering a huge selection of fine antiques and collectibles, the Fall Antique Show features over 120 dealers from throughout the Midwest, including many from the Chicagoland area. According to show promoter Thomas Ruane, the Fall Antique Show will offer a fine collection of merchandise, including: furniture, porcelain, art glass, paintings and sculpture, clocks and watches, Orientalia, toys, advertising, vintage decorative items, and jewelry.

Ruane stressed that the Fall Antique Show will feature an assortment of antiques and collectibles for every budget. "We are trying to balance the Fall Antique Show to include something for everyone and every budget," he said. "Often times, antique shows are heavy on certain items, but this show will feature a selection that is widely varied for all interests. Everything from toys to Tiffany will be there."

Large crowds are expected for the Chicago Southland

Fall Antique Show, running Thanksgiving weekend, November 25 and 26. Show hours are 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, November 25, and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, November 26. Admission is \$6 per person, and ample free parking is available at the Tinley Park Convention Center, located just off I-80 at the Harlem Avenue North exit.

For additional information on the Chicago Southland Fall Antique Show, contact Tom Ruane at (815) 485-6666, or e-mail: antiqueshow2000@hotmail.com

Dr. German House hosts haunted mansion for younger children

The historic Dr. German House, 10924 S. Prospect Ave., Chicago will host the 3rd annual Dr. Vermin's Haunted Mansion from 7 to 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays October 13 and 14, 20 and 21, 27, and 28, Monday, October 30 and Tuesday, October 31.

The event features a tour through the ghoulishly decorated house and spooky skits geared to children from preschool through about 5th grade. Admission is \$5. Group rates are available for parties of 10 or more, and scout, school and church groups are encouraged to call (773) 881-1831 for more information or reservations.



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Mother's Club hosts Arts and Crafts Faire

The Marist High School Mother's Club will host their 20th Annual Fall Arts and Crafts Faire on Saturday, October 28, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the main gym of the school. More than ninety crafters will be participating in this faire.

Admission is free and refreshments will be sold. All are welcome! Marist High School is located at 4200 West 115th Street in Chicago.

Mother's Club hosts Arts and Crafts Faire

The Marist High School Mother's Club will host their 20th Annual Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon on Saturday, October 8, 1999 at the Martinique Restaurant at 2500 W. 95th Street in Evergreen Park. The afternoon will start at 1 p.m. with cocktails and a luncheon with the Marist Fashion Show immediately following.

The fashion show will feature such stores as Arlene's of Homewood, Boss Formal Wear, Mel's Men's Shop, Old Navy, That Girl Boutique and Worldly Things. For reservations please contact Mary Dunneback at (773) 445-4432, Mary Ellen Carroll at (773) 779-5484 or Jan Adams at (708) 479-7026.

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Little Company announces new president and chief executive officer

The Sisters of the Little Company of Mary and the Hospital Board of Directors in Evergreen Park are pleased to announce the appointment of Dennis A. Reilly as President and Chief Executive Officer of Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers effective September 1. Former President and CEO, Sister Kathleen McIntyre, L.C.M., has been appointed Chairperson of the Evergreen Park Board of Directors of Little Company effective January 1, 2001.

Mr. Reilly, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since 1996, has been with Little Company for 29 years. In the 1970s, Mr. Reilly received his nursing degree and became a registered nurse at Little Company. His rise from bedside to board room included seven years as a Director of Management Information Services and Vice President for Physician Services, which included responsibility for Little Company's Ambulatory Care Division and Care Stations. In addition, he managed Little Company's Home Based Services and Physician Practice Development.

Few nurses occupy health care facility CEO positions, making Mr. Reilly's

accomplishments quite outstanding. Mr. Reilly's co-workers consider him highly motivated, able to work through any problem, and always a "lifesaver." Mr. Reilly is credited with computerizing all nursing care systems as well as with linking most of Little Company's physician office computers to the main hospital in the 1980s. Following this experience, he was a nationally sought after speaker on the subject of coordinating and implementing hospital wide computer systems.

Mr. Reilly's own commitment to health care reflects his family's dedication to caring for others. His wife, Chris, is a registered nurse, as is his mother and three of his sisters. Mr. Reilly and his wife, who live in Oak Lawn with their five children, are active in their parish and their community.

Sister Kathleen McIntyre has led Little Company since July 1987. Sister Kathleen welcomes her new position and is thankful for the Board leadership that has helped Little Company become what it is today. Sister Kathleen will replace Frank J. Schaffer, who has tirelessly served Little Company's Board for 25 years. "The

Greater Company of Mary -- our Board, Medical Staff, Employees, Auxiliaries and Volunteers -- will benefit greatly from Dennis' experience, knowledge and commitment to excellence. During the last several years, Dennis and I have worked side by side and I am confident this transition will be seamless," said Sister Kathleen.

Sister Kathleen has been with Little Company for 37 years. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of San Francisco. Prior to her appointment as President and Chief Executive Officer of Little Company, Sister Kathleen served as Director of its School of Nursing and in other leadership roles for the Sister's American Provision. Sister Kathleen has served as an active member of the Board of Directors of Little Company's health care facilities in Torrance, California, as well as the Illinois Hospital Association's Medical Staff Affairs Committee.

Little Company sponsors Holiday House Walk

The Little Company of Mary Hospital Auxiliary invites you to their sixth annual Holiday House Walk on Saturday, October 7, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., which this year features six homes in Chicago's historic Beverly neighborhood.

The architecturally significant homes will be seasonally furnished by the area decorators and florists, and many of the decorations will be for sale. Visitors also will be invited visit the Pumpkin Patch, a special area of one of the homes, where homemade treats and handcrafted gifts will be sold.

Tickets are \$20 per person in advance, \$25 on the day of the event, in the parking lot of Sutherland School, 10015 S. Leavitt.

Proceeds aid the Auxiliary in their efforts on behalf of Little Company's new Cancer Center project, which is scheduled to open this fall. Please call (708) 229-5447 for further information and reservations.

St. Francis Hospital and Health Center to host 'Taste of Ornish'

St. Francis Hospital and Health Care Center will host a "Taste of Ornish" for the Dr. Dean Ornish Program for Reversing Heart Disease on Monday, Oct. 9, at 7 p.m. at the hospital.

St. Francis very own Ornish trained chef will demonstrate a low-fat, low cholesterol dish and introduce you to a variety of other dishes through Dr. Ornish's program. Those who are interested in preventing or reversing heart disease are invited to sample Ornish recipes, share food preparation tips with our chef and receive some exciting recipes to try at home. The cost of the event is \$7.50. Call 1-800-721-8000 to register.

The Ornish Program is a revolutionary health program that will teach you how to modify your lifestyle factors

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St. Francis Pavilion, Blue Island, on Fridays, Oct. 6, 13, 20, and 27, at 2310 York Street; call 708-385-6911.

Franciscan Family Health Center, South Holland, on Mondays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, and 27, at 401 E. 162nd Street; call 708-333-6100.

Hope Against Breast Cancer

City of Hope's Walk for Hope Against Breast Cancer is a 5k fun run, a fitness walk and leisure walk that raise money to support breast cancer research and treatment at the City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute.

It is at Northwestern University, Lakefront and Trail, North Campus Drive, Evanston, on Sunday Oct. 15.

5k Run Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and Walk Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The run begins at 9:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 10:00 a.m.

Participants raise donations by using sponsor forms and asking family, friends and co-workers to sponsor their walk. The registration donation is \$25.00 Those who raise \$50.00 or more receive an official Walk For Hope t-shirt.

For more information call 1-800-779-5893 or visit the website at <http://walk.coh.org>.

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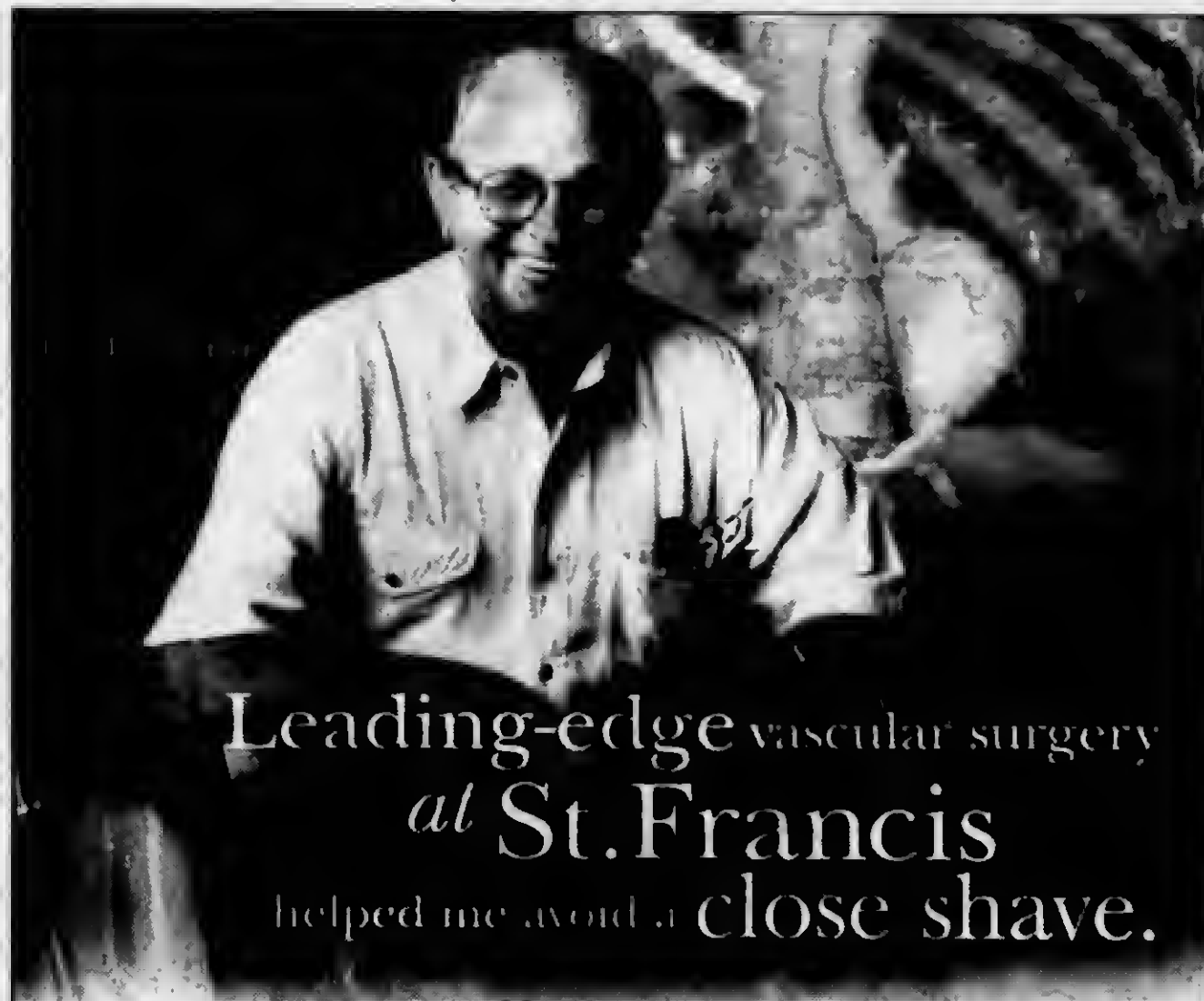
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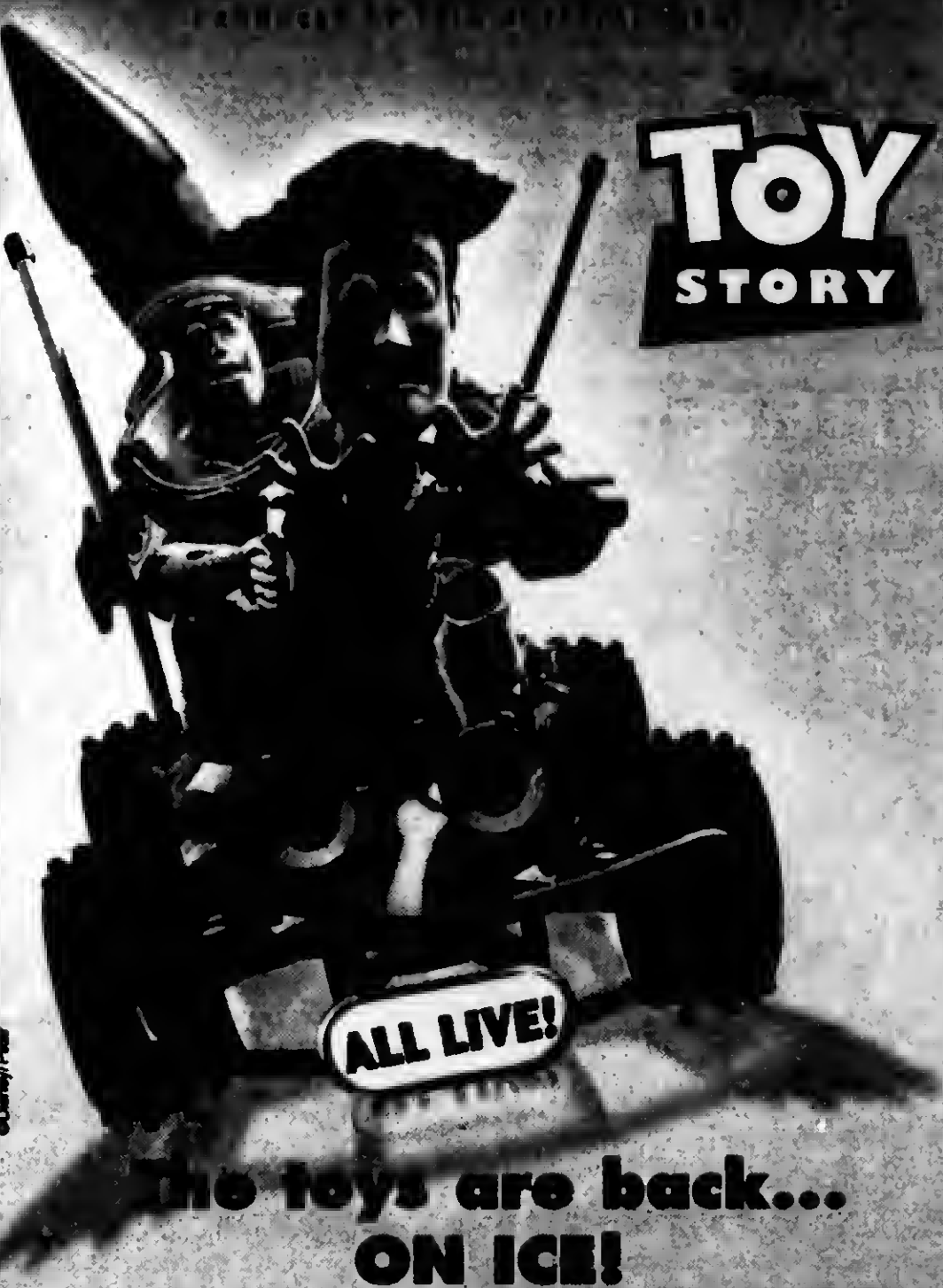


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Palos Hills Police receive grant for Cops in Schools Program

Congressman Bill Lipinski announced today that the U.S. Department of Justice has authorized a \$125,000 grant to the Palos Hills Police Department for the COPS in Schools Program. This funding will allow the Palos Hills Police Department to pay for the salary and benefits to hire a sworn law enforcement officer to perform a variety of functions within a school over a three year period.

The Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools initiative provides an incentive for law enforcement agencies to build working relationships with schools and use community policing efforts to combat school violence. Community policing is a crime fighting strategy that encourages law enforcement to work in partnership with the community to solve crime problems. Among other things school community policing officers teach crime prevention and substance abuse classes, build a student respect for law enforcement and monitor troubled students.

"More often we are confronted by headlines reporting violence in schools," stated Lipinski. "These funds will strengthen the partnership between area schools and the Palos Hills Police Department to combat school violence. I believe that having a trained law enforcement officer assigned to schools will make a positive difference through student education and on site security."

This grant payment is being made as a result of Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, which Congress passed in August 1994, and then the President signed into law. The grant of \$125,000 is the maximum amount that an officer can be funded under the COPS in Schools Program.

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Burbank Park District is still taking registration for these upcoming trips, so don't delay:

Chicago Bears vs. New England Patriots: Sunday, Dec. 10th, 10:30-4:00 p.m. \$48 fee includes ticket, transportation and parking.

Cosmic Bowling: Friday, Oct. 27th, at 9:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. \$14 fee includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza, pop and prizes. Transportation is on your own.

Progressive Dinner: Sunday, Oct. 8th, at 3:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. \$47 fee includes transportation and a 3 course meal.

St. Charles Scarecrow Festival: Friday, Oct. 13th, at 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. \$19 fee includes transportation and craft show.

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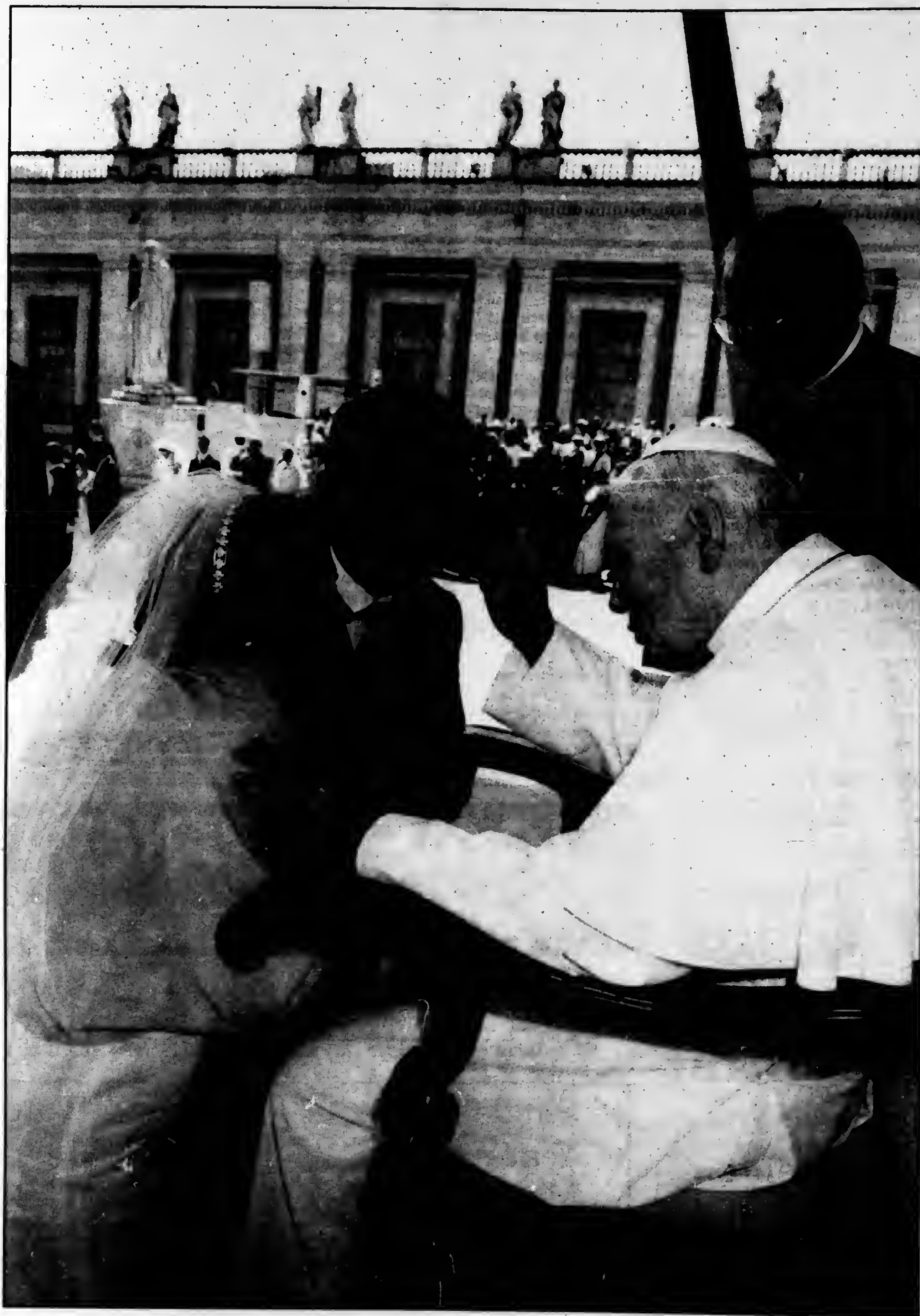
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Papal Audience in Rome

Jon and Joan (nee Fitzgerald) Clopton wed at St. Michael's Church in Chicago August 12, received a Papal Blessing in Rome in September.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

By Kathy Whirly



On The Road Of Love

The weary co-pilot (otherwise known as the wife in the passenger seat of the car), had gotten quite used to being the extra pair of eyes that helped her husband navigate the roads upon which many of their trips had been taken. Through the years she had become convinced that, when it came to driving skills, 'Driving Miss Daisy' he was not. It was more like driving with Mario Andretti when he got behind the wheel.

Back and forth the arguments raced on. Her always accusing him of not keeping a steady eye on the road, he insisting that he really did see the car cut in front of them BEFORE she slammed on the 'imaginary brake.' It was quite evident that he was becoming too dependent on her co-pilot skills.

She went on a strike one afternoon on the way to Indiana. No more almost pushing her foot through the floorboard to get his attention, or almost going through the windshield because he counted on her reflexes to guide him. She informed him, ten minutes into the ride, that double vision, on the road, would no longer be automatic. And that is how the 1st date mentality came into play.

"Let's pretend we're on a first date," said she—for it was common knowledge that on 1st dates, guys were always on their best behavior.

Now, if you've been married for any considerable length of time, you come to find out that sometimes tension can be diffused with a little humor—a sort of emotional survival tactic successful at keeping a married couple compatible.

The Mrs. relaxed as she gazed out the window, oblivious to what was happening in traffic.

His better half had to admit, it was a smooth and peaceful ride, her charming date proving, once again, he still possessed the desire to impress his gray haired bride. Young lovers who have grown old together, the fruits of their love always steering them in the right direction.

As for the kids, they couldn't help but tease their good natured father with the warning—"Watch it dad or you won't be going on a 2nd date!!" Isn't that just like love? Reinventing the playfulness and overcoming slight irritations with light hearted humor. Marriage is alot like vinegar and oil—if you don't shake it up once in a while--it separates. The dates, they would continue as the contended couple can be found heading off in the sunset, toward the highway to happiness.

Marital vows at St. Michaels in Old Town

by Annette Dixon

The Wedding Celebration of Joan Grace Fitzgerald, West Beverly resident, and Jon David Clopton.

Every parent wishes to give the best to their children especially during the most meaningful time in their lives.

Georgian Fitzgerald, Theater Critic for Village View Publications did just that!

On Saturday, August 12th, 2000, Jon David Clopton and Joan Grace Fitzgerald exchanged vows during a Mass at St. Michael's Church in Chicago. The celebrant was Father Ken Sedlak, CSSR and our Georgian Fitzgerald escorted her daughter down the aisle.

What was unique at this wedding was the detailed preparation that took place. The printing of the liturgy booklet was engraved and had everyone's name who participated in the wedding party. She even mentioned a note about someone's 50th anniversary that same day.

Editor's note: It was mentioned to me that Joan made all the arrangements and designed this wedding to the finest detail.

Also, included was a note from the couple and a quote from "Tennyson".

The reception was at the top of the Allerton Crowne Plaza Hotel in the Tip Tap Room. Several rooms were open for cocktails and dinner was served promptly at 6:00 PM.

Each table was named for a Big Band, example our table was called the Glenn Miller, others were called the Ray Coniff, Duke Ellington, Count Basie table.

All in attendance received their reserved seating with the name of the Big Band, therefore you would know what table you were at. Only an intuitive couple would know to put lyrics, quotes, marital bond and tie it all into a nice neat package.

The evening was elegant, sophisticated, but not stuffy. People were happy, talkative and the bride and groom appeared to be very relaxed and gracious to all their guests.

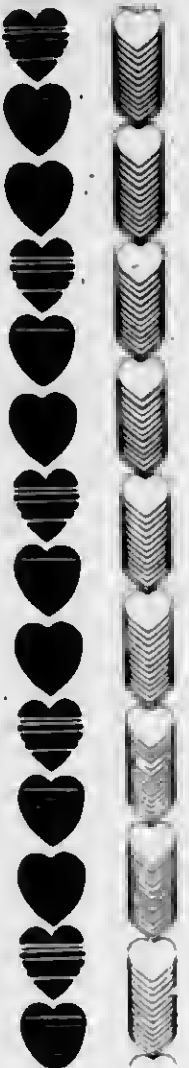
It helps to really enjoy the whole event, even during the time between the mass and dinner. There were tour buses arranged for out of town guest or anyone who attended the mass and didn't quite know what to do with a couple of hours of free time.

The selected menu at the Allerton was Crab and Asparagus Bisque Soup, Spinach salad with Asian Poached Pear and Spicy Walnuts with Creamy Roquefort or Red Wine Vinaigrette.

Intermezzo: Lime Margarita Sorbet

Entree: Roasted Chicken Medallions wrapped in Puff Pastry with Sautéed Spinach, Goat Cheese and Red Pepper Coulis, Grilled Polenta. **Dessert:** Wedding Cake.

The orchestra was Stanley Paul, and everyone was dancing to the big band sounds, classic standards, rock and fun music.



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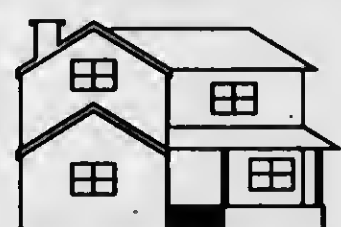
Barbara Grzeda of Oak Lawn and Kevin Bastian of Tinley Park were married recently at St. Gerald Church in Oak Lawn. Barbara is the daughter of Karen and Edward Grzeda of Oak Lawn. Kevin is the son of Sandy and Richard Bastian of Tinley Park. The bride is a research associate at Biosafe Laboratories, Chicago. She earned a bachelor's degree in biology at Marquette University, Milwaukee. Barbara is a graduate of Mother McAuley High School, Chicago. The bridegroom is an editor for the American Foundrymen's Society's Modern Casting and Engineered Casting Solutions magazines in Des Plaines. He earned a bachelor's degree in journalism/English at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb. Kevin is a graduate of Brother Rice High School, Chicago. The couple reside in Schaumburg.



Christina Keenan

Christina Keenan has been published numerous times both in the United States and Canada. Most recently her work has appeared in the *National Bestseller*; *Chicken Soup For The Mother's Soul* and *Every Woman Has A Story*. She is the winner of several writing awards, including The Golden Poet. Christina is the founder of Christina's Heart, which specializes in custom gift poetry for occasions "Close To The Heart". She resides in Frankfort, IL... (815) 464-6843

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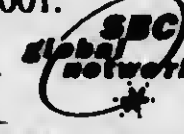


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The Senior Citizen Council will hold a Fall Flea Market at the Oak Lawn Senior Center on Friday, Oct. 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 5, will be drop off day for those wishing to donate items. Lunch will also be served at the Center for a nominal fee. Hot dogs, sandwiches, salads, desserts, and coffee will be available.

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Gettysburg a place to visit any time

by Annette Dixon

To visit Gettysburg for the fall will be colorful, relaxing, and historical. A quick flight to Pittsburgh or Harrisburg or Philadelphia and a scenic drive depending on the amount of miles you wish to drive will bring you the pleasure you are looking for.

The suggestion for historical travel will be to fly into Philadelphia and take in the 1776 history of our country and drive southwest about 65 miles to Gettysburg and complete your trip in this friendly, quaint town. Stop first to get your homemade candy from Miss Carla's in the heart of town on Main Street. Ceceilia, an employee at Miss Carla's, explained the candy is made by Ashers, a four generation owned company making homemade candy. Reasonably priced and so tasty!

Continue on to your stay at Gettystown Inn in Gettysburg adjacent to the historic 1776 Dobbin House Tavern.

The Gettystown Inn with five unique rooms is decorated with 19th century antiques.

The Lee Suite, a two room suite, decorated in antique and reproduction walnut furniture with a hand painted 18th Century Austrian Cas. \$115 Private Bath, small refrigerator and cable TV. Pickett: First Floor-Private bath, antique cherry furniture, fully carpeted-private entrance. \$110 double.

The other three rooms are on the second floor, furnished in antique Oak Furniture-handmade quilts and marble furniture.

Enjoy a free hearty country individually served breakfast at the Dobbin House Tavern, which includes fresh fruits, cereal, juice, eggs or hot entree.

To confirm, \$50 deposit is necessary, call for more information at 717-334-2100, or log on to <http://www.dobbinhouse.com> or email info@dobbinhouse.com

Jacqueline D. White, current owner of Dobbin House properties since 1977, acquired the house (but not the diorama). She restored and created The Dobbin House Tavern- a restaurant, gift shop and B & B complex.

Ms. White is only 50 years

of age and accomplished much in her life. She is the family of owners of Fantasyland Storybook Gardens, a one and only adventure park in Pennsylvania. Ms. White held all positions from 1958 until 1977.

Ms. White holds a B.F.A. from University of N.C. and conducted research on Adams County Eighteenth Century History and The Life and Times of Rev. Alexander Dobbin, 1776-1809, builder and resident of the Dobbin House.

Rev. Dobbin was born in Ireland in 1742, married an Irish woman and had 10 children with her. He became a widower and remarried a woman with nine children. Rev. Dobbin was a well respected, astute community leader.

When Rev. Alexander Dobbin purchased 300 acres of land in and around now called Gettysburg in 1774, he knew he needed a residence and also with 10 children, also needed a school.

Since his death in 1809, there have been 14 more owners of this property with Ms. White being number 15. In 1940-54 John Lippy Jr.

bought the house and opened it to the public as a museum to display his collection of American antiques. This was the first that the house became a museum.

In 1967 through 1977, John & Pauline Adamik bought the diorama and continued to operate it as a gift shop/museum.

In 1977, Jacqueline White poured money into restoring it and has one of the best privately owned property from 1776.

She called in the experts from Philadelphia and New York to help restore the Dobbin House to its original design. There is a small section of the home which was left untouched, which is the originally built section.

This place not only looks and smells good, but the tavern houses are the only natural recirculated spring. The tavern is definitely a cellar and has artificial lighting which appears as originally lit candles. The Dobbin House restaurants are well worth the price for dining. There are home cooked meals and well lighted rooms with replicas from the 18th and 19th century. There is even a modern banquet room serving bus tour operators daily.

In the mid 1800's, the house was used as a station for hiding runaway slaves on their journey to freedom

It served as a hospital for wounded soldiers after the Battle of Gettysburg. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Pennsylvania State Historical and Museum Commission Registry and Gettysburg Historic Landmark.

In the parking lot Belgian Blocks were used for a divider. Flowers also encompass the front of the Dobbin House and gift shop and they were selected to be the flowers of the colonists.

Prior to the Battle, the Dobbin House was located here. It looked the same as it does now and due to the extensive research of Jacqueline White, the furniture, furnishings, decorations, colors, china and flatware are identical to the inventory listed in the Dobbin Estate.

While traveling stop here first, make your reservations in advance for your stay in the Gettystown Inn, and learn the beginning of the history of 1776 in Gettysburg.

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play his/her ball from your divot mark.

*After hitting from a sand trap rake the trap. This prevents someone from having to play his/her ball from your unraked footprint or ball mark.

*Avoid standing directly behind someone who is about to hit. This is distracting and causes loss of concentration.

*Repair your ball marks on the green. It is difficult to maintain the line of the putt when the ball rolls through a poorly repaired ball mark. Also, a repaired ball mark takes far less time to heal than one left unrepaired.

*Avoid walking through someone's putting line, especially if you are wearing shoes with steel spikes. More courses are disallowing the use of steel spikes because of the damage they cause to the greens. The pockmarks they create also make it difficult to maintain the line of the putt.

*When playing a par 3, after reaching the green, wave the next group on the tee up. This helps speed up play.

Madigan endorses Ryan

Rick Ryan, Democratic candidate for the State Senate in the 18th District, recently held a press conference in his Oak Lawn Campaign Headquarters. His main topic was wide range ethics and campaign finance reform proposals for Illinois legislators and pledged himself to never take a gift from a lobbyist or a campaign contribution from tobacco or gambling companies.

Candidate Ryan, who is a resident of Evergreen Park, was joined at the conference by State Senator Lisa Madigan, D-Chicago. Madigan stated that "Rick Ryan must be elected to guarantee meaningful campaign finance and ethics reform in state government." She concluded by saying "If we don't elect Ryan we won't get a Democratic Senate and therefore we will never have campaign reform. Instead, we will get inaction from Senate Republicans and the same abuses and problems."

*When using a riding cart, as you near the green, park the cart on the side of the green closest to the next tee, and away from the green. There are usually ropes which keep you from parking too close to the green and arrows that direct you toward suggested parking areas. This saves wear and tear on the course and speeds up play.

The cost of playing golf is spiraling upward each year. If golfers are going to pay more to play and continue to experience the irritations and frustrations I've discussed, it is only a matter of time before this will take its toll on the number of people playing golf. However, golf will continue in its popularity if golfers realize that not only their enjoyment must be considered, but also the enjoyment of others. This will happen as etiquette improves and four hour playing time is restored.

I have a new teaching aid now available. It is a booklet entitled *Your Personal Guide To a Good Set Up*. If interested in the booklet or private golf lessons, Bob Gates can be contacted at (708) 425-8637 or (708) 857-2214.

Gator's Golf Guide

by Bob Gates

In recent years the number of people playing golf has increased dramatically. This increase in golfers brings with it an increase in the innate problems associated with the game. These are not new problems, but rather which have plagued the game for a period of time, specifically the concept of *etiquette* and the length of time required to play a round of golf.

Many of the people who are turning to golf are new to the game. If golf is to retain its current popularity, it is vitally important that these newcomers, as well as the veteran golfers, assume several responsibilities that

go with playing golf. One, is exercising the use of good etiquette, and two, is knowing and using the basic rules that govern the game you are playing.

Etiquette is the courtesy extended by one golfer to his/her fellow golfers which allows the game to be enjoyed by everyone and played in a reasonable amount of time. Knowing the rules and how to use them can be accomplished through the USGA rules book which can be purchased for a minimal fee at most golf stores and pro shops.

As just mentioned, equally important is your awareness of the time it is taking you to play. It is generally accepted by golf

course management that four to four and a quarter hours is sufficient time to play 18 holes, but that in many instances it is taking five to six hours. The use of better on course etiquette, taking less time getting from shot to shot, taking less time in planning and executing the shot, being ready to play when it's your turn, and taking fewer practice swings, will all help in bringing the playing time more in line with the four hour goal. In attempting to regulate playing time, golf courses can and do monitor your playing progress by using course rangers.

Having emphasized the importance of using good etiquette,

let's look at what you can do to benefit yourself and your fellow golfers.

*Allow faster players to play through. This will both speed up play and prevent faster players from becoming irritated because of waiting.

*As you reach the green think ahead and leave your clubs on the side of the green closest to the next tee. This prevents walking in the line of approaching golfers as you leave the green, which slows play.

*Replace your fairway divots. This saves wear and tear on the course, and prevents another player from becoming aggravated because of having to

Drury Lane Oakbrook's Musical 'Carousel'

Carousel, generally regarded as one of the great musical plays of American theatrical history, is to be the next attraction at Drury Lane Oakbrook from October 11 until December 31, 2000.

Written in 1945 by the prolific team of Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein II, it is the musical said to be their personal favorite. Drury Lane Oakbrook's production will be under the direction of Artistic Director, Ray Frewen.

Carousel will preview at Drury Lane Oakbrook from Wednesday, October 11 at 8:00 p.m. until Sunday, October 15 at 2:30 p.m. Press opening will be October 15 at 7:00 p.m. Performance times for preview

week and thereafter will be Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.; Thursday at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.; Friday at 8:30 p.m.; Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.; Sunday at 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$19 to \$25 with dinner/show packages available.

Tickets may be purchased at the Drury Lane Oakbrook box office, located at 100 Drury Lane, or may be charged by phone by calling (630) 530-0111. Ticket master outlets also carry tickets and can also be charged by phone at (312) 902-1500. Student discounts and group rates available for all performances. Drury Lane Oakbrook is handicapped accessible.



(Left to right) Carol Schall, Chairman, Alice Bock, Janice Conta, all of Oak Lawn.

St. Laurence High School

Mrs. Joan Finnegan, Moderator of the National Honor Society of St. Laurence High School, meets with newly elected officers (from left) Secretary Kieran Normoyle, Vice President Ivan Bolijov, Treasurer John McInerney and President Dan Bartgen (seated). The officers and Mrs. Finnegan were also making final arrangements for their attendance at the National Convention of local chapters of the NHS in Orlando, Florida in November.

State grant pays to keep Moraine Valley professors current

One way to stay on top of current practice in the workplace is to roll up the sleeves and work alongside the workers.

That is precisely what two Moraine Valley professors did during the summer, thanks to a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education called the Vocational Instruction Practicum. The grant program provides money for vocational educators to continue their education and bring that new knowledge back into the classroom.

Susan Phelan, an assistant professor of Phlebotomy and department chair for Health Sciences, spent this summer at Christ Hospital and Medical Center in Oak Lawn and St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights learning how the newest technology is affecting blood banking methods, blood testing, and other responsibilities of phlebotomists and medical lab technicians. Phelan said it is important that Moraine Valley prepare students for what will be expected of them in their chosen career. "The point of participating in these practices is to ensure that we

are teaching current practice in the classroom," Phelan said.

Richard Rackow, associate professor/departments chair of Mechanical Technologies, is learning the nuances of DaimlerChrysler transmissions, suspensions, sensing devices, and other major automotive components. Moraine Valley launched the DaimlerChrysler Apprenticeship Program (CAP), under the guidance of Rackow on Aug. 21. "We talk in general terms to students in our automotive classes, but when instructing in these CAP classes, we must show and tell students exactly how components work on specific Chrysler products," Rackow said.

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Annual Fall Craft Fair and Christmas Bazaar

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave., Oak Lawn will hold its Annual Fall Craft Fair and Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, October 14, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

There will be all sorts of exciting things to see and buy. Some of the features are a Christmas Store, Wood Crafts, Bake Shop, Canned foods, homemade jams, and all sorts of other crafts. There will also be a Trash and Treasure Room where you can find used clothing and household items.

Everyone is welcome to come and browse around and perhaps do some of your holiday shopping. For more information, call the church office at (708) 599-4025.

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Thursday, October 5th will be drop off day for those wishing to donate items. We will accept donations from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the 5th. Items that can be used include pots, pans, dishes, glasses, plants, books, records, small appliances, knick-knacks, jewelry, and small clean articles of clothing. Heavy furniture and extremely large appliances that are difficult to move cannot be accepted. Due to the lack of storage space, we cannot accept items prior to October 5th.

Lunch will also be served at the Center for a nominal fee. Hot dogs, sandwiches, salads, desserts and coffee will be available.

If you have articles to donate but are unable to bring them to the Center, please call the Center on October 5th at 499-0240 and we will send someone to pick them up.

Military News

Army National Guard Pvt. Tamara D. Anderson has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Anderson is the daughter of Sarah J. Anderson of Chicago.

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Kathleen Turner in Broadway show 'Tallulah'

Annie Get Your Gun starring Broadway and television stars

Kathleen Turner will star in a national tour and Broadway production of "Tallulah," a one woman play written by Sandra Ryan Heyward, based on the life of actress Tallulah Bankhead. Critically acclaimed stage and television director, Michael Lessac, will direct. "Tallulah" will play The Shubert Theatre, 22 West Monroe, in Chicago for two weeks only, November 14-26. Single tickets will go on sale on Friday, September 15 at 9:00 a.m.

"Tallulah" takes place as Bankhead is preparing to host a fundraiser for over 350 people for incumbent president Harry S. Truman. As she fusses and frets over every detail of the party, Tallulah sips champagne and divulges some of the best secrets, passions and regrets of her life.

"Tallulah," starring Kathleen Turner, premiered in July 1997 at the Chichester Festival Theatre in Sussex, England. Turner also played "Tallulah" at Florida's Coconut Grove Playhouse in January 1999. Playwright Heyward has made revisions to the text for the tour.

Tallulah Bankhead is perhaps best known for her 1939 Broadway triumph in Lillian Hellman's "The Little Foxes," and Thornton Wilder's "The Skin of Our Teeth." Bankhead's famous film role was starring in

Alfred Hitchcock's 1944 film, "Lifeboat." She was also a well known alcoholic whose fame slipped away in the 1950s.

As biographer Denis Brian said about Tallulah Bankhead: "She was a strikingly beautiful young woman, with the manners of a Southern belle, the language of a drill sergeant, the daring of a trapeze artist, and the talent to become the greatest actress of her time. But for Tallulah, life was the thing, not the play. She was an impetuous woman who wanted to try everything at least once."

Kathleen Turner made her Broadway debut in the comedy "Gemini." Since then, she's been nominated for a Tony Award for her portrayal of "Maggie the Cat" in the 1990 revival of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" and appeared in the 1995 production of Jean Cocteau's "Indiscretions." The New York Times praised the production as a "bewitching theatrical experience," the critic also said the following about Ms. Turner's performance: "When she opens up and lets fly with that sexy, near baritone delivery, she threatens the stability of the house like no one since Tallulah Bankhead."

Kathleen Turner has just made her London West End debut starring as Mrs. Robinson in the new stage version of "The Graduate" where she received

critical acclaim. With her trademark seductive voice, Turner became a Hollywood star with the 1981 film noir "Body Heat." Since then she has played sexy siren roles in films like "The Man With Two Brains" and "Prizzi's Honor."

Other credits include "Serial Mom," "Romancing the Stone" and "War of the Roses." Turner, a Golden Globe winner, received an Oscar nomination for her lead role in 1986 Francis Ford Coppola film, "Peggy Sue Got Married."

The performance schedule for "Tallulah" will be as follows: Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 8:00 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 17 at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 18 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 19 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 24 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 25 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 26 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets to "Tallulah," which range from \$22 to \$62, are now on sale at Broadway in Chicago Box Offices, by calling the Broadway in Chicago Ticketline at (312) 902-1400 and at all TicketMaster ticket centers. Groups of 20 or more can receive a discount by calling (312) 977-1710.

Barry and Fran Weissler, winners of five Tony Awards including Best Musical Revival for "Annie Get Your Gun" in 1999, have done what comes naturally and landed Chicago native Marilu Henner and Broadway veteran Rex Smith for the national tour of "Annie Get Your Gun." Henner, a Broadway, television and silver screen star, will play the role of Annie Oakley and Smith will play the role of Frank Butler.

Marilu Henner recently starred on Broadway in "Chicago" as 'Roxie Hart,' eliciting rave reviews. She recreated the role in a special engagement at the Mandalay Bay Theatre in Las Vegas. Previous Broadway credits include: "Social Security," "Pal Joey," "Over Here" and "Grease." She most recently appeared in the motion picture, "Man on the Moon" starring Jim Carrey and can also be seen in "L.A. Story" with Steve Martin, "Noises Off" with Michael Caine and "Blood Brothers" with Richard Gere. Ms. Henner is best known for her Emmy-nominated role as Elaine Nardo' in the top rated TV series "Taxi" and co starred in "Evening Shade" with Burt Reynolds. Marilu's versatility extends beyond performing. She is a best selling author with five books to her credit including her most recent, "Marilu Henner's Healthy Life Kitchen" now in

bookstores.

Most recently, Rex Smith starred as the mad Frenchman, 'Chauvelin' in Frank Wildhorn's "The Scarlet Pimpernel" on Broadway. Other Broadway credits include "Grand Hotel," and "The Human Comedy." He also starred as 'Joe Gillis' in the Canadian production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Sunset Boulevard" and in the Lincoln Center's National Tour of "Anything Goes." He has recorded his sixth album, "Simply...Rex" on MCA Universal Records.

"Annie Get Your Gun" is the fictionalized story of Annie Oakley, one of the world's most famous sharpshooters. The 1946 musical celebrates her stormy, competitive relationship with Frank Butler, a dashing vaudeville marksman, as they tour the country as the stars of "Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show." With a vibrant score written by legendary composer Irving Berlin, "Annie Get Your Gun" features some of the best songs ever written for the Broadway stage, including: "There's No Business Like Show Business," "I Got the Sun in the Morning," "Doin' What Comes Naturally," "You Can't Get a Man With a Gun," "They Say It's Wonderful" and "Anything You Can Do."

This hoop-hollerin' musical adventure is directed and choreographed by Jeff Calhoun. costumes by William Ivey

Long; Sets by Tony Walton; a revised script by Peter Stone and musical supervision by John McDaniel. The original New York production was directed and choreographed by Graciela Daniele and Jeff Calhoun.

The performance schedule will be as follows: Wednesday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 19 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 20 at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 21 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 22 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 27 at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 28 at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 29 at 2:00 p.m.

"Annie Get Your Gun" will play the Shubert Theatre, 22 W. Monroe St., Wednesday, Oct. 18 through Sunday, Oct. 29, 2000. Tickets, which range from \$20 to \$70, will go on sale Friday, August 11 at the Broadway in Chicago Box Office, or call the Chicago Ticket Line at (312) 902-1400, at all TicketMaster ticket centers. Groups of 20 or more can receive a discount by calling (312) 977-1710.

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'Blast' an explosive musical celebration

Direct from its smash premiere in London's West End, the explosive musical celebration "Blast!" is coming to Chicago's Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre, located at 24 West Randolph Street from October 24 through November 5, 2000. WTTW, Chicago's PBS affiliate, will herald the commencement of the "Blast!" national tour by airing a one hour special on Saturday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Born on athletic fields across the nation, "Blast!" is a novel art form evolved from the showmanship of outdoor pageantry. "Blast!" is a musical spectacle; it is music in motion. Ranging from classical to the blues, it is jazz, rock and roll, and techno-pop. With color, light, movement and music, "Blast!" explodes the genre with new artistry. "Blast!" is a unique theatrical experience.

"Blast!" is comprised of 60 members, largely in their early 20s, drawn from the world of outdoor pageantry all across North America. There are 41 world titles held by "Blast!" cast members. There are essentially three performing sections -- the brass, percussion and visual ensembles. The brass instruments are pitched in the standard multi keys. The percussion section includes drums, mallet instruments and electronic keyboards. The visual element enhances the show by spinning and tossing unusual implements along with the traditional sabers, colorful flags and rifles in a perfectly synchronized, ballet-like drill.

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"Blast!" will play The Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre, 24 West Randolph Street, Tuesday, October 24 through Sunday, November 5, 2000.

Tickets, which range from \$22 to \$70, will go on sale Sunday, August 20 at the Broadway in Chicago Box Office, 22 W. Monroe St., (312) 902-1400.

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The Clerk's Office is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays, September

ber 30 and October 7, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you have moved, changed your name or will be 18 on or before November 7, be certain to register.

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New McDonough Ministry Center

Saint Xavier University marked an important landmark in its 154 year history over the weekend of September 30 and October 1, when it dedicated the new McDonough Chapel and Mercy Ministry Center. The structure is a visible symbol of the institution's Roman Catholic identity and served both the University and surrounding community.

The dedication of the McDonough Chapel and Mercy Ministry Center fulfills a long deferred dream of the Sisters of Mercy and the University. When Saint Xavier moved to its present campus on 103rd Street in the 1950's, funds were available for either a library or a chapel. Sister Joseetta Butler, then Dean of Saint Xavier College, said, "We can build the chapel later. But the College must have a library now." From then until now, the University has used a temporary chapel housed in a classroom.

Saint Xavier University is committed to reaffirming its Roman Catholic identity and the McDonough Chapel and Mercy Ministry Center will serve as a prominent symbol of it on campus. The University continues to gain recognition as a leading Catholic institution of higher learning through its

programs and institutes which foster theological reflection, moral discourse, pastoral ministry, and responsible Catholic social action.

Named for Jim and Jacque McDonough, whose generous donation made its construction possible, the new chapel will offer space for more than 200 worshippers at University liturgies and religious celebrations. "We're looking forward to having a sacred space to serve our students and the University community," Eileen Doherty, Director of Campus Ministry.

The new chapel is adorned with many works of sacred art to enhance its mission as a place of worship, prayer, and personal reflection. Inscribed with the names of Sisters of Mercy, the Mercy Heritage Walk outside of the Chapel entrance is an expression of the Saint Xavier community's gratitude, memory, and commitment to the Sisters and their mission. Exterior sculptures and interior bronze elements by Russell Baron were inspired by various aspects of God's presence in faith, Genesis 1:1, and the Celtic roots of the Sisters of Mercy. The statue of Saint Francis Xavier, patron saint of Mother Frances Xavier Warde, American founder of

of the Sisters of Mercy, serves as a lasting symbol of the University's mission and vision and is located in the foyer. Seasonal art will also adorn the facility's ambulatory. The stained glass by Kenneth vonRoenn, Jr. includes both historic Celtic patterns and contemporary designs. Designed by Mark Joseph Costello, Capuchin, the interior liturgical furnishings, including the altar, ambo, candlesticks, cantor stand and gift tables, are a fitting complement the chapel's artwork.

The Mercy Ministry Center will house all ministry programs in one site, including Campus Ministry, Pastoral Ministry Institute, and Mercy Care. Campus Ministry provides the pastoral care of University programming for faculty and staff. It offers liturgies, retreats, and volunteer opportunities. Pastoral Ministry Institutes an academic institute for lay ecclesial ministers. It offers ways to deepen one's own spirituality and enhance theological knowledge through workshops and classes for academic credit, as well as a rich variety of educational and ministerial seminars, and events. Mercy Care is the ministry of the Sisters of Mercy to the Saint Xavier community.

Cardinal Francis George, O.M.I., the Archbishop of Chicago, conducted the Blessing and Prayer Service on the evening of Saturday, September 30 and Bishop John Gorman presided over the Rite of Dedication Liturgy on the morning of Sunday, October 1.

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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Kennedy students call for gay group

By Rick Techman

To contribute to the variety of student organizations at Kennedy High School, two students recently asked a teacher to consider the formation of a gay-lesbian club at this secondary public education institution in Garfield-Ridge. About 40 parents, residents, teachers and staff attended the meeting where the principal of the school made the announcement.

Remaining officially neutral on the subject, Dr. Fanchion Blumenberg, Kennedy H.S. principal, made the announcement of the proposed gay-lesbian group on campus during her report to the Kennedy H.S. local school council at their meeting last week. This is only the second meeting of the current L.S.C. which was elected last spring to replace the former council.

Tina Deacock, the teacher who was first approached by the students about a gay-lesbian club, reported their request to Blumenberg during the week before the L.S.C. meeting when the subject first arose. For a variety of reasons, most people attending the meeting opposed the formation of such a group on campus but there still were several members of the audience who agreed this could benefit the school.

L.S.C. Representative Michael Schmidt said, "She was just informing us and the audience. We don't," he continued, "have any authority, as far as L.S.C. members, over whether or not a club exists at the school. There were people in the audience who seemed quite shocked. They voiced," he also said, "their opinion to the idea loudly."

A spokesman from the Office of Communications, Chicago Board of Education, explained

that a precedent has already been set for the formation of gay-lesbian clubs on Chicago public high school campuses by the formation of such a group at the Whitney-Young high school in Chicago. The spokesman explained that in an open, democratic society such as ours, our school system must be able to make room for change and diversity.

He added the Board of Education will not take sides on the issue but leave it up to the students, faculty and principal to determine the outcome of any proposed club on campus. The spokesman explained the Board certainly would not allow any violent groups or hate groups on campus but a benign group such as this is up to the faculty, principal and student body to decide.

John Weinberger, an attorney for the Chicago Board of Education explained a law was passed at the federal level, known as the Federal Equal Access Act. This act states that all organizations at the high school and college level are protected by law as long as students initiate the formation of the group. Weinberger said the school still has the option not to endorse the group but the students can use the facilities nonetheless.

Schmidt said he didn't really feel a gay-lesbian group would serve a good purpose at Kennedy. He said there were three main points why he decided he did not support this idea. First he said this club did not serve an educational purpose. Second he added that all Kennedy kids could be targeted by kids from other schools as a product of the gay-lesbian school.

Finally, he said, the students who join this club could become targets of other students. These young students will be "coming out" publicly among their peers who might take a more hostile look at this

Schmidt explained.

Community Advocate Richard Zilka, Clearing Civic League President attended the L.S.C. meeting and became outraged at the student proposal of a gay-lesbian club. While Zilka clearly explained he respected diversity in all people, he added this clearly wanton behavior could only contribute to the lack of morality in future generations in this country.

The L.S.C. is composed of parents and community residents, the principal, two teachers and a student representative.

By Rick Techman

About 40 residents got an answer to their petitions to allow route diversions of Chicago Fire Department ambulances to a hospital of choice rather than the nearest hospital to the scene and their answer remained "no" but the door is still open to change.

About two years ago most of these residents, mostly members of the Garfield-Ridge and Clearing Civic Leagues, conducted a petition drive for route diversions in this area and received more than 6,000 signatures of support. The purpose of the route diversion would be to allow residents, in an emergency situation, to sign a waiver authorizing the C.F.D. paramedics to take the patient to their hospital of choice rather than the nearest trauma center.

Residents supporting this proposal site reasons for this change include being brought to the hospital of ongoing treatment where their doctor is and continuing treatment where their medical card is accepted. Avoiding railroad crossing hazards that would slow down traffic, especially in the Clearing area, weighed strongly



Deputy Chicago Fire Commissioner Jerry Mankaitis explains to residents at the Garfield Ridge Civic League meeting last week why it would not be likely that the city would pass an ordinance allowing ambulance waivers this time. Mankaitis has been with the C.F.D. for more than 25 years.

Still "no" ambulance waiver

in favor of ambulance waivers.

Chicago Deputy Fire Commissioner Jerry Mankaitis visited the Garfield-Ridge Civic League last week to announce the fire commissioner's reasons as to why route diversions were not presently possible. Mankaitis cited the fact that petitions had been received by only one small area of Chicago. He explained also that it is ultimately up to the city council to pass an ordinance to allow this change once all avenues have been exhausted. Any new ordinance would then affect the entire city and not all residents are calling for this change.

Mankaitis also reminded the audience the Chicago Fire Department's Paramedic unit is strictly an emergency medical organization. If a patient wants to go to his hospital of choice, a private ambulance can take

them wherever they prefer. But in an emergency, when a Chicago ambulance is called to the scene, the city paramedics are required to honor city agreements with local trauma centers and take the patient to the nearest hospital to the scene of the injury.

Mankaitis said he had more than 25 years with the Chicago Fire Department, has served as a paramedic during that time and served 21 years as an army paramedic as well. Jean Franczyk, president of the Garfield-Ridge Civic League and Richard Zilka, president of the Clearing Civic League vowed to continue their advocacy for an ambulance waiver system in Chicago.

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The Worth Village Board argues again

by: Jude Coyle

The Village of Worth Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees came to order at 7:00 p.m., on Sept. 19. Before them was a consent agenda with 19 items, including the payment of bills, an expenditure of \$4900 for 2 computers and other hardware for the Fire Department, various business licenses, \$2500 for the purchase of a toxic atmosphere detector for the Fire Dept., the authority for the attorney to write an ordinance prohibiting parking on the east side of Lloyd Drive from Oak Park to Rutherford, and no parking for apartment residents on the west side of the street, etc.

Once again Trustee Guzdzio asked that items approving the payment of \$9,811.03 to Village attorney Odelson and Sterk, and the change of dates for the committee and regular board meetings are removed from the agenda. That was agreed. The agenda was voted on and approved.

Mayor Bilder next reported that he, Linda Metzger from Pace, and State Representative Maggie Crotty are trying to locate a mini bus for use as a seniors bus. Mayor Bilder reminded all the Chicago Ridge/Worth Chamber of Commerce will conduct their Community Expo at Findley Jr. High on 10/7, from 10 am to 3 pm.

He discussed an alternative to the incredible hike that retired police officers pay for health insurance. The present carrier raised rates from \$400 a month to \$1050. Horton Insurance has secured a three tiered plan that provides an intermediate

level to insureds with one dependent for \$833.40 a month, effective 9/1.

The meeting next degenerated into displays of temper as the discussion of the monthly attorney bill came up. Trustee Guzdzio asked Attorney Donna McDonald to explain items on the Odelson and Sterk bill. She did. In some cases she explained that Odelson and Sterk had charged the Village less time on items than actually incurred.

He asked about a change in the police contract that had been signed on 8/9 by Mayor Bilder and FOP representative Barb Kraft. McDonald responded that this was a change in wording that clarified items and not an amendment to the contract.

Trustee Georgia Duffy demanded to know why Guzdzio couldn't do this between meetings by phone. She said that he had wasted 25 minutes when he could have used the phone and the Village not be charged further attorney fees, because phone calls are free.

Trustee Sharon Wierenga asked about an ordinance regulating liquor licenses to beer gardens. According to the Odelson and Sterk bill, the attorney was given the authority to work directly with the Planning and Zoning Commission when drawing up the ordinance. This has never been the procedure before, and should not be allowed now. Trustee Frank Bonham agreed. The fact that the ordinance has already been enacted made it a moot point, but that the procedure that had been followed in the past, bringing the Planning and

Zoning Commissions recommendations back to the Board for approval, is the procedure that should be adhered to in the future. The Commission acts not as a law making body, but has made recommendations that have or have not been followed by the Board.

The vote concerning the payment of the attorney's bill was called. The Board voted 3 to 3. Mayor Bilder broke the vote, stating that as long as half the Board contested the payment of this bill, this is how he would vote.

Mayor Bilder swore in three new police officers. Then he called for a fifteen minute break to celebrate his birthday, and the swearing in with cake and coffee.

After the break, tempers flared again when Trustee Bonham made a motion to move the Village Board Committee Meetings to the first and third Mondays each month, and the Regular Board Meetings to the following Tuesdays. Trustee Meany seconded it.

Trustee Guzdzio reminded the Mayor that he and Trustee O'Connell hold offices in the local Lions Club and are tied up on three Mondays a month, and that Trustee Wierenga had to complete her internship on Mondays. He asked Mayor Bilder to please allow them to do the jobs they were elected to do. Mayor Bilder commented that he had to work late many Tuesdays and Thursdays, but he still made these meetings. That higher education is well and good, but he has a career. And that it costs the Village an extra \$450 a night when the attorney has to sit through a com-

mittee meeting.

Trustee Duffy commented that one of the most important jobs they do is to listen to the attorney during executive meetings. By midnight, when many of the meetings take place, she's tired and cannot concentrate fully. She did not want to sit through so many meetings in one night.

Trustee Bonham then tried to withdraw his motion. He was told he could not, that Trustee Meany had to withdraw his second first. "Show me where," he demanded. "...I want to alleviate what has happened in the last few weeks." In a spirit of cooperation, he asked Board members to consider other days. When Trustee Meany declared this to be a waste of time, Trustee Bonham again exploded. "Nothing is a waste of time if you're trying to accomplish something."

When another day could not be agreed on, a suggestion concerning limiting speeches to two minutes came up. Bonham asked for input from trustees, residents, etc.

Meany then agreed to withdraw his second, thus allowing Bonham to withdraw the motion.

The meeting ended at 8:40.

Bavarian Fest

The Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department is offering a trip to the Bavarian Fest at Giorgio's restaurant in Wood Dale, on Thursday, Oct. 12.

The fee is \$35 (includes food, drink, entertainment and transportation). Register now at the Park Department temporary office, 8017 W. 103 St. For more information call 430-4500.



Saint Xavier University in Chicago

Saint Xavier University's new McDonough Chapel and Mercy Ministry Center will be dedicated over the weekend of September 30 and October 1, 2000.

Palos Hills Meeting

by Carlene E. O'Conner

At the Palos Hills meeting of Sept. 21, the council voted to station a full time police officer at Stagg High School, 8015 W. 111th Street.

All alderman were present except for Andy Galatte, 5th Ward. The only alderman who was against the notion was Andy Cisarik, 3rd Ward.

Cisarik did not agree to funding \$125,000 in salaries to an officer with grant money. He claimed when the council did things like this in the past, it hurt the city. When the grant ran out, the council could not come up with the money and had implement the utility tax.

With the mayor's encouragement the motion was approved 8-0. Cisarik abstained from voting.

According to Marty Kleefisch, 1st Ward, the school and the city will share the cost of the new officer. The details have not been established.

In other business an ordinance was passed so that residents are responsible for maintenance of easements in front of their homes.

Joel Thomas, 4th Ward, said, "All we are asking is that they cut the grass."

Alderman Stratton voted against the ordinance saying

was not the resident's property, so they should not have to keep it up.

Mayor Bennett said that while most people do their part, some do not, and an ordinance would help keep a beautiful city.

The next city council meeting will be October 5th at 8:00 p.m.

Palos Community Hospital offers lecture on advances in breast cancer

Are you worried about breast cancer? Learn about new techniques and technologies that improve the chances for earlier diagnosis and detection of breast cancer. Dr. Colleen Hagen, a breast cancer surgeon on staff at Palos Community Hospital, discusses the latest advances and treatments that are available.

The lecture will be offered from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, October 12, at the Palos Community Hospital Health and Fitness Center in Orland Park. Cost is \$5 to nonmembers. Registration is required; call (708) 226-0555.

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Bridgeview celebrates beautification 2000

by Jude Coyle

Prior to the October 11, 2000 Bridgeview Village Board Meeting, on-lookers gathered before a sign outside of the Village Chambers. Giant letters spelled out 'Bridgeview Beautification 2000!' Photographs were arranged on the board, showing the homes of residents who had gone above and beyond what one might expect of his neighbor in the way of care and/or landscaping. Trustee Michael Pticek shook hands with winners and pointed to their pictures.

After a short meeting, Trustee Pticek made presentations. He declared that this is 'A great day to be alive.' That the audience had come together to 'celebrate thumbs - green thumbs, which is a state of mind, a labor of love, pride, pride with a goal, creativity.' He called the winners the heros of the Village, that they motivate their neighbors to do better. This is an annual event, he said, and each year, the nominees are better and the competition is harder to judge.

He introduced the Beautification Committee. Trustee Pticek, John Mateja of Touch of Class Landscaping, Pat Higginson, Fran Green and Marge Moletz nominated properties and voted.

The winners are Jozef and Maria Mastalerz, Mahmoud and Hiyam Mahafza, Donald and Debbie Moore, Ugo and Josephine Pergolizzi, Edward and Danielle Reinhart, Raymundo and Estefania Gultierrez, Leonardo and Lisa Crisostomo, Albert and Frances Alvarez, Anthony and Deanne Swistek, Greg and Bernadette, and Michael and

Ellen Barnhart. Winners from the business community are Hydrosol, Inc., Marquette National Bank, P&G Keene Electrical Rebuilders, and an apartment building owned by Elizabeth, Donna and Theresa Karwaczka. In years past, Village employees were not allowed to participate. In fairness to them, a special category was created. Bill and Fran Marie Green received an honorable mention. Winners received a certificate and a large defenbaccia or corn plant. Cake from Pticek and Son Bakery was served after the meeting.

According to John Mateja, each committee member took a section of the community. They wandered about, taking notes and photos. Each nominated three properties he thought the best in his section. The Committee then met, and discussed their nominations. Trustee Pticek earlier had teased about how Mateja had brought more expertise to the table with him. Yes, Mateja laughed later, he was familiar with a few more plants than the others were.

What were the criteria used to chose the winners? Committee members looked at how well the property was kept, whether the bushes were trimmed, if weeds grew between the cracks in the sidewalks, if the grass was of good quality and other items. The important thing was not the size or worth of the home, but how much care went into it's upkeep.

Mr. Mateja's handiwork can be seen throughout the Village. He designed and planted the circle in the center of 75th and Oketo, and is currently

planting the areas about the new Village signs.

The meeting itself was short. Trustee Norma Pinion announced that flu shots will be available for the seniors at the Community Center on Nov. 3, from 9am to 12pm.

Trustees discuss property on Cicero

An Editorial
By: F.J. Soczek

Following what appeared to be a rather spirited, conscientious discussion, the Oak Lawn Board of Trustees unanimously approved a resolution granting a "Quit Claim" deed of title to the owners of a new gas station at 10601 S. Cicero.

Apparently looking out for the financial best interests of Oak Lawn taxpayers, Trustee Robt. Streit inquired whether the Village would receive any financial compensation for relinquishing what appeared to be public-owned property.

The response from Village legal counsel was, much like the property easement in question, rather oblique.

According to Village attorney Michael Jurusik, several property deeds dating back to the 1920's and 1930's show "the possible existence of an east-west public alley which bisects the property and extends directly underneath the existing gasoline station and location for the proposed new gasoline station-food mart."

Jurusik opined that since the Chicago Title Insurance Company "does not recognize" the prior deeds



Grand Opening of new Proteam Staffing location

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce was pleased to announce the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony of Pro-Team Staffing located at 9712 Southwest Highway. Pro-Team Staffing, has over 15 years of industry experience and is considered a leader in office support, placement, and Staff to hire placement. For more information, call (708) 636-3866. Pictured left to right: Doris Marks, Park Lawn; Laureen Kalinski, Pro-Team Staffing; Mayor Ernie Kolbe; Joan Kennedy, Director O.L. Chamber of Commerce.

and no "challenges" have been made during the past 40 years (the land was occupied by Gas City and most recently, Shell) under "adverse possession" doctrines, the legalities of the *gratis* transfer appeared sound.

The Village could not very well sell something it *wasn't quite sure it owned*.

While it is certainly admirable to rectify past legal ambiguities, the *timing* of the maneuver is certainly questionable.

Prior to "discussion" of the motion, the owners had *already completed* significant construction work on the "new" development.

A substantial cement "privacy" wall had already been erected along the north-south property line. Building foundations and external shells were solidly in place.

It was a classic example of the "build first, worry about legalities later" development syndrome prevalent within the Village.

Why wasn't the legal survey properly reviewed and discrepancies corrected *before* permits were issued? Was the "mock discussion" of the pragmatic/legal

merits *really* necessary, given the advanced stage of development?

The earnest debate of the matter merely proved it is perfectly acceptable to legitimize a "done deal" with shallow legal rhetoric--while hoping, really hard, the public doesn't notice.

In a recent press release, Congressman William Lipinski announced the U.S. Senate passed a bill that would earmark \$300,000 for the Army Corps of Engineer's flood control project at Stoney Creek.

"Stoney Creek and its watershed creates serious flooding problems in Oak Lawn," explained Lipinski. "The project will help protect property from future flooding damages, safeguard the environment, and improve our standard of living. I have focused on ensuring that this project is adequately funded to prevent any unnecessary problems that could compromise its progress."

According to Lipinski aide and Oak Lawn Trustee Jerry Hurckes, the funding is a continuation of an ongoing effort to remediate the chronic flooding situation in the areas surrounding the

waterway.

Hurckes noted one of the project's goals is to improve the flow of water in Stoney Creek by "straightening" what is known as the "Melvina Ditch," a sharply angled area of the creek around 99th & Ridgeland.

The resulting flow of water would have a diminished tendency to flood once the ground restrictions are eliminated.

Lipinski, who is a senior member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, succeeded in maintaining the funding in the conference report, the final version of the bill negotiated between the House of Representatives and the Senate. The next step is a review by the President.

The Army Corps of Engineers estimates overbank flooding from Stoney Creek results in an estimated \$1,340,000 in average damages.

Last year, the Village of Oak Lawn completed the Oakdale retention pond to partially eliminate the flooding situation. Reports to date have been modestly optimistic regarding the efficacy of the latter endeavor.

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"Bus" Yourell to be honored

A celebration of 40 years of public service honoring Harry "Bus" Yourell, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will take place on Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Como Inn, 546 N. Milwaukee Ave. from 5 to 7 p.m.

Commissioner Yourell served 20 years in the Illinois House of Representatives and was a member, as well

as chairman of numerous legislative committees. In 1984 he was elected Cook County Recorder of Deeds. In 1988 he was first elected a commissioner on the MWRD Board. He served his country as a Marine in World War II receiving the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts.



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O'Malley, Brosnahan secure \$50,000 for Oak Lawn Children's Museum

State Senator Patrick J. O'Malley (R-18, Palos Park) and State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-36, Evergreen Park) have secured two separate grants, each in the amount of \$25,000, to aid in establishing The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn.

The museum, with a temporary home at 9600 East Shore Drive, is scheduled to open in Fall 2001 as an environment designed to stimulate young learners' growth with hands-on exhibits and programs to help them better understand big people's world.

Both O'Malley and Brosnahan stressed that financial support for the museum shouldn't stop with the state grant money, administered through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA). The museum's overall goal is to raise \$200,000 before it opens next year.

"The museum board is established \$200,000 as a goal amount to get the museum fully operational in its first phase," O'Malley said.

The first hurdle, securing state money, is complete; but contributions must not cease

for the project to come to fruition. Now, the museum board is seeking major local contributions - whether from individuals or corporations - to raise another \$50,000. Together, these funds, totaling \$100,000, would be put forth to spur the larger community to raise the remaining \$100,000.

"I am confident, after witnessing the generosity and enthusiasm of our major contributors, the public will want to match those funds," O'Malley said.

No amount - whether \$1 or \$100 - is too small. "We want as many people as possible to be part of this great

community minded initiative that will enhance educational opportunities for our children and the quality of life for our residents," O'Malley said.

In going door to door in his district, Brosnahan has noted many positive responses to the museum project and believes the state grants will serve as an impetus for residents' contributions.

"The museum has already been well received throughout the community and now that residents see it has gotten off the ground at the state level, it should encourage them to donate," Brosnahan

said. The money is going to a worthwhile cause: "The museum is something that will benefit the community, giving families a place to go and children a place to learn," Brosnahan added.

Brosnahan said he and his wife, Janet, have four children, ages 2 to 6, and anticipate many family outings to the forthcoming museum.

On August 12, Joann and Jim Buschbach, owners of J. Buschbach Insurance and World Travel Mart in Oak Lawn, contributed \$10,000 to the museum effort. Hawkinson Ford in Oak Lawn also donated the \$1,000 necessary for the museum to start establishing not for profit status.

Since gaining Oak Lawn Park District approval for use of its red brick building in May, the museum has sought input from area leaders, local officials, educators, business people and neighboring residents. Despite its goal to teach little ones, the museum wants to do big things for the entire Southwest suburban community.



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Tuition raffle winners

The St. Rita High School Fathers' Club recently held their annual Tuition Raffle at the school. The first place prize of \$4500 was won by James O'Brien of Evergreen Park; Second place, with a prize of \$2000, went to Sabrina Heffernan of Chicago; the third place prize of \$1000 was won by Rosemary Moonan of Burbank; the fourth place prize of \$500 was won by James Pfordresher of Chicago. Fifth place through fifteenth place winners received a free ticket worth \$50 toward next year's tuition raffle.

Woollard in Gulf Pine Estate, FL and Richard and Annette Dixon of Oak Lawn, IL. Henry's great grandmother is Rose Stella from Evergreen Park, IL.



Radogno receives endorsement from Township officials

The Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) have endorsed State Senator Christine Radogno in her re-election bid for 24th District. The official endorsement came from TOIPAC, the political action committee of TOI.

Birth Announcement

Richard and Anne Dixon, parents of Benjamin, age 3, and the newly born Henry Oliver Dixon are all doing fine in Champaign, Illinois, where they are residing.

Henry Oliver born September 25, 2000 at 11:26 am weighed 8 lbs, 15 oz. and 21 inches long.

Henry's grandparents are Frances and Slayton

Little Company offers training for hospice volunteers

Little Company of Mary Home Based Services will offer a two day seminar to train area residents interested in becoming hospice volunteers. The sessions will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17 and October 24, at 9800 Southwest Highway in Oak Lawn.

The hospice program at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is one of the first in the area and has been serving the terminally ill in their homes since 1976. The program provides spiritual, medical, emotional and social support to those in the final stages of life -- and their families.

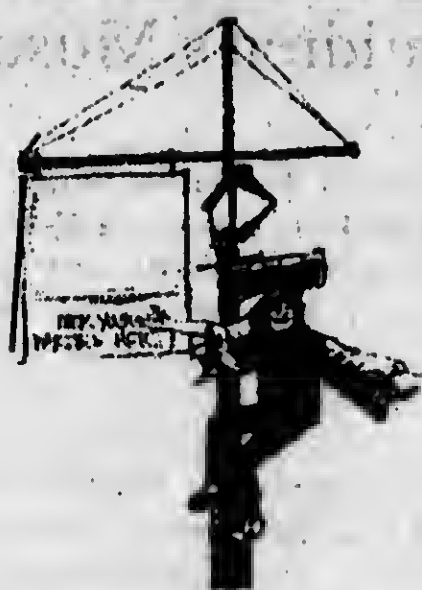
"It is our goal to help our patients find comfort and peace in their final days," explained Little Company Hospice Volunteer Coordinator Karen O'Brien, R.N. "The volunteer plays an important role in our ministry to the dying. They listen, they reminisce, and they reassure the patient through touch and kind words. The volunteer also provides support to the family, allowing them to run errands or to take a break from 24 hour caregiving."

Hospice volunteers are trained and supervised and can work in the patient's home, nursing home, or in the hospice office, providing administrative support to the hospice team. "Hospice volunteers are full of love, compassion and patience," O'Brien continued. "They have such a strong desire to be there for the other person, especially at such an important and spiritual time in their lives."

Those interested in becoming a part of the Little Company of Mary Hospice team as a volunteer can call Karen O'Brien, R.N., at (708) 229-6901 to register for the training seminar.

The Village View Newspaper would like to send our sincere condolences to the Napolillo Family on the loss of Marie Napolillo, Former owner of Southwest Radiator, Oak Lawn Resident

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope



by Kathy Whirity

SURVEYS

Surveys -- they're everywhere. Pick up the phone and someone wants to know if you can spare a few minutes of your time. When you finally pry your fingers from the receiver, after what seems like an hour, you realize you don't have a clue to what you just gave an opinion on.

On a scale from one to ten, is a 'lite' sub-sandwich from Sub-Way a better deal than the new and improved grilled chicken from McDonald's? Who really cares? When I want fast food and I'm not counting calories, the Big Mac always scores a ten with me.

Once I answered a survey call and the guy actually hung up on ME!! It happened a few years ago when the phone rang at a bad time. I picked up the phone to a surveyor who asked "Have you ever considered Long Term Care Insurance?" "Maybe I'd consider short-term," I offered politely. CLICK!! The phone went completely dead. On a scale from one to ten, the guy must've thought I was a few points shy of comprehending this opinion poll.

In spite of the inconvenience, I do find myself answering their questions. How else would companies know our favorite music stations, our dining preferences, and of course, how often we frequent what grocery stores. As I answer their questions I try to keep in mind that they are aiming to please their customers. Which brings me to the reason for this column. It is my sincere hope that the columns I've been writing are indeed as much a pleasure to read as they are for me to write. So, consider this a survey of sorts. A chance for you, to let me know, your likes and dislikes, as well as your thoughts regarding Kathy's Kaleidoscope. Your opinions will be most graciously welcomed. Just cut out the coupon below, jot down your comments and send them to me, Kathy Whirity c/o Village View Newspaper, 9720 S. Parkside Ave., Oak Lawn IL 60453.

Family life, with its kaleidoscope of love, laughter, tears and pain, is a never-ending experience that is always evolving. It is the reason this writer continues to put pen to paper.



Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation Golf Outing

From left to right: Nancy Lambur; Dr. James A. K. Lambur, Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation Board Member; Patricia Bridgman; and Thomas F. Bridgman, Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation Board Chairman, enjoy the first taste of fall at the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation Golf Outing on September 20 at Green Garden Country Club in Frankfort, IL. All proceeds from the event benefited The Cancer Center at Little Company, scheduled to open this fall.

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Stickney Township to provide flu shots

Stickney Township residents will be able to get flu shots at all three clinics in November, announced Supervisor Louis S. Viverito.

Problems with production have delayed the U.S. distribution this year, but Viverito has arranged with the Cook County Department of Public Health to get a shipment of the vaccine free of charge so that it will be available to residents in about a month.

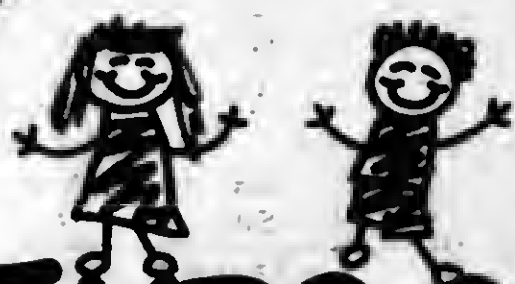
The free shots should be administered to persons aged 50 years or older, or those adults who are at high risk because of complications from the flu, and those with chronic health conditions.

The shots will be available during regular clinic hours.

Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the South clinic, 5635 State Road, Burbank, and the North Clinic, 6721 W. 40th Street. Hours at the Central clinic, 4949 S. Long Ave., are 8:30 a.m. to noon.

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Biggert and Lipinski secure funding for Heritage Corridor

Representatives Judy Biggert (R-IL 13) and William Lipinski (D-IL03) have secured \$200,000 in federal funding for a study on how to improve the Heritage Corridor rail line that runs through their congressional districts. In March the two Representatives sent a joint request to Appropriators to fund the study.

The Heritage Corridor is a Metra commuter rail line that runs from suburban Joliet to downtown Chicago's

Union Station. The line is plagued by operational conflicts as four areas where freight railroads cross the Heritage line, causing substantial delays for both commuter and freight trains.

"This study is a critical step towards solving the problems that plague the Heritage Corridor," said Biggert. "Bill and I have heard from many of our constituents who use the Heritage Corridor and are frustrated by the extraordinary

delays that occur. We can now begin the process of making the improvements to the Heritage Corridor that are so necessary."

The funding was included in the Transportation Appropriations Act conference report that passed the House on Friday. It will fund a study that will detail the costs and benefits to Metra, Amtrak, and the private freight railroads of alternative improvements at each bottleneck. This information will enable decision makers to determine the most feasible improvements and cost sharing arrangements for projects to mitigate the bottlenecks.

"Just as significant as re-

ceiving money for the study is the fact that the Heritage Corridor is now on the federal government's radar screen," Lipinski explained. "Hopefully this earmark will get the ball rolling into making the Heritage Corridor an equal with other Metra lines in the Chicagoland area. My and Judy's constituents in the southwest suburbs deserve as much."

The 37 mile Heritage Corridor serves many established communities in the southwest suburban area of Chicago between Joliet and downtown Chicago, with stops at Lockport, Lemont, Willow Springs, and Summit.

Museum of Science and Industry opens The Farm of the 21st century

The Museum of Science and Industry invites guests to explore the world of agriculture in the 21st century with the opening of The Farm, the Museum's newest permanent exhibit set to open this fall. Set under blue skies, The Farm features a full size tractor, eight head combine, dairy barn, cornfield and greenhouse. Through cutting edge technology and hands on interactives, guests will learn to appreciate the complex mix of science, business savvy and technological expertise required

to feed the world.

The 4,000 square foot exhibit will allow guests to truly experience The Farm through all five senses by using a variety of media including a simulated ride in a combine, an inside look at a greenhouse containing plants produced through biotechnology and an up close peek into a farming family's life on their Illinois farm. While on The Farm, visitors can make their own cereal, witness the effects of weather on crops and discover a farmer's "many hats." Follow milk, corn and soybeans through a fascinating voyage from their Midwest roots to the breakfast table and gain new insight into the vital, state of the art industry known as agriculture. The Farm opened on October 7th.

Military News

Army Pvt. Sarah D. Stuart has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

She is the daughter of Andy Stuart of Oak Lawn. Stuart is a 1995 graduate of Mother McAuley High School in Chicago and a 1999 graduate of the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana.

Greek American Group endorses Brosnahan

The United Hellenic Voters of America recently endorsed State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) for the upcoming November 7th Election.

In a letter sent to Representative Brosnahan, Dr. Dimitros Kyriazopoulos, the National Supreme Chairman of the group, stated that "We are in agreement with your policies and views and feel we can trust your leadership for the benefit of our community and pledge to you our support."

"To be endorsed by the United Hellenic Voters of America is a great honor," said Brosnahan. "I will continue to work closely with the United Hellenic Voters of America and my constituents to ensure our communities remain a safe and prosperous place to live."

Brosnahan, who was endorsed by the United Hellenic Voters of America in 1996, district includes all or parts of: Oak Lawn, Evergreen Park, Chicago Ridge, Alsip, Merriette Park and Blue Island.

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Coach Tom Wendlandt of Mount Prospect has 28 players skating for RMC. Most of them are from the Chicago area, but a few hail from as far away as Davenport, Peoria and Milwaukee. "The interest in our team has been phenomenal," said Coach Wendlandt. "Our practice ice and home rink is at The Edge in Bensenville. It's a brand new facility and we're anxious to build a home crowd."

The following athletes have made the team: Joseph Benning, forward, of Ot-

tawa; Jeff Berndt, forward, of Roselle; Steve Burchill, goalie, of Addison; Ryan Burtryn, defenseman, of Waukesha, Wisconsin; Anthony Cantore, defenseman, Evergreen Park; Steve Chikerotis, D, of Chicago; Tom Cichocki, forward, of Mokena; Mitch Ciohori, forward, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin; John Deck, defenseman, of Naperville; Pat Durkin, forward of Tinley Park, Mike French, forward/defenseman, of Lisle; Andrew Gillespie, forward, of Hoffman Estates; Toby Grahovec, forward, of Palos Park; Curtis Grigas, forward, of Midlothian; John Heard-Cone, forward, of Chicago; Jeff Jewitt, defenseman, of DesPlaines; Tom Mayhan, forward, of New Lenox; Mark Marfise, forward, of Midlothian; Bob McMillin, defenseman, of Oak Lawn;

Brian Moore, defenseman, of Rockford; Justin Nelson, forward, of Davenport, Iowa; Jason Poremba, goalie, of Chicago; Matt Roberts, forward, of Flossmoor; Anthony Roche, forward, of Elgin; Scott Sinder, defenseman, of Lansing; Tom Taylor, forward, of Melrose Park; Joe Weingart, goalie, of Bridgeview; and Joe Wierdak, defenseman, of Oak Lawn.

The schedule for next month includes the following: Friday, October 6, Triton College at the Franklin Park Ice Arena; Saturday, Oct. 7, Illinois State University at Memorial Arena in Pekin; Friday, Oct. 13, Marquette University at Wilson Park Arena in Milwaukee; Saturday, Oct. 14, Marquette University at The Edge; Friday, and Saturday, Oct. 20 and 21, Eastern Illinois, both games at

The Edge; Friday, Oct. 27, DePaul University at The Edge and Saturday, Oct. 28, Northern Illinois University at The Edge.

Robert Morris College is a baccalaureate degree granting, non for profit private institution, accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. With campuses in Chicago, Orland Park, Naperville, Springfield and Bensenville, the college serves a multicultural student body interested in getting an education that meets the demands of today's business, graphic arts, health care and technical world.

For further information, contact Tom Wendlandt, (847) 372-4745.



Cougar Basketball begins with debut of St. Xavier Women's Team

Bob Hallberg returns to the court next month, this time as head coach of the women's basketball team at Chicago's oldest Catholic university.

When the Saint Xavier University Cougars take the floor against Robert Morris College at seven o'clock on November 8, Hallberg will coach a team he personally recruited to build a new women's varsity basketball team for Saint Xavier (his first recruit was Nina Solava from Maria High School.) It's not the first time he has taken on such a task at SXU: in 1971, a then 27 year old Hallberg was named the first athletic director and head men's basketball coach at Saint Xavier.

It has been four seasons since Hallberg coached the UIC Flames, where he coached from 1987 to 1996. In 30 years of coaching, beginning with Kennedy High School in 1966,

Hallberg has compiled a record of 579-289, a .667 winning percentage.

To encourage attendance at Hallberg's first game, the university's Athletic Department is making an unusual "two-on-one ticket offer." The game will be played at the university's Convocation & Athletic Center located 3700 W. 103 St. For details, call SXU (773) 298-3101.

Moraine Valley holds 'Nature Study'

Come hear Professor H. Richard Finley, from Moraine Valley Community College, introducing his "Nature Study." He will speak about Prairie, Wetland and Savanna landscaping to try out in your own residential gardening. Professor Finley will be speaking on Friday, October 27, 2000 at the Palos Park Library at 7:30 p.m.

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There will be a Topiary demonstration presented by Karen Thomas. Frames and supplies will be available for sale.

This year the club will offer scholarships to two outstanding high school seniors interested in a career of horticulture or related fields. For further information, contact Marion Smith, chairman of the Scholarship Committee at (708) 424-2302.

Hostesses will be Norine Barrette, Therese Boblak, and Chris Kupscuk. Residents of surrounding communities are welcome to attend meetings as a guest. For further information call (708) 424-4846.

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In addition to the obstacle course, other Homecoming week events included students and some faculty members trying to knock principal Jim Antos into a dunk tank, students donning large, stuffed costumes to participate in "sumo wrestling" matches with each other, and a pep rally before the football game.

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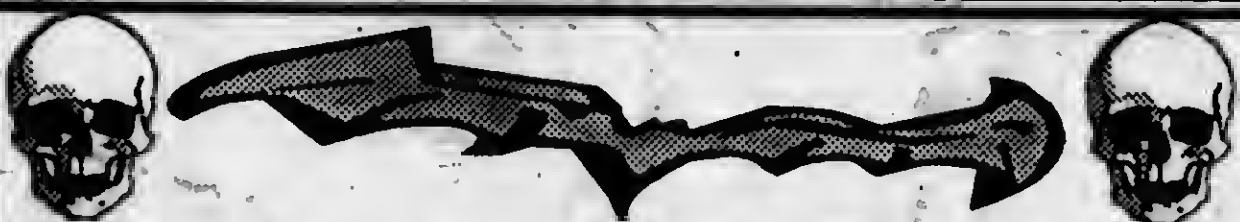
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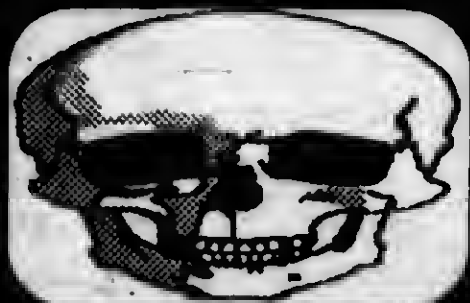
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This special event offers expectant parents and young families more than 150 exhibits showcasing the latest in child care, parenting information and services; the newest products for infants and tod-

dlers, exciting interactive children's exhibits and free products samples. There will be continuous children's live entertainment throughout the weekend, in addition to roving cartoon and fairytale characters for children to meet. Babies can compete hourly in the American Baby Derby

and grandparents are \$5. Children under age 12 are free! \$2 discount on admission coupons available at local Babies 'R' Us.

racers for the title of Los Angeles area's "fastest crawler." A total of 500 babies are scheduled to race throughout the two day Baby Faire event. Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Admission is \$8 for adults



The power of corporate America: Are we becoming a nation of logos

by Matt Mayer

Are we becoming a society of too much corporate power? All signs seem to be pointing in this direction. A BUSINESS WEEK/Harris poll released on Aug. 31st, found that "72% of Americans say business has TOO MUCH POWER over too many aspects of American life." It appears as though the corporate thinking is exactly the opposite when it comes to advertising. Marketers know the advantage of corporate and brand logos and perhaps as consumers, we have projected the feeling that we are somewhat intrigued by logos.

In retail, for example, consumers have been sporting designer names and corporate logos around for decades - Nike has seen the swish become synonymous with their brand. So in this instance, the logic, that intuitively something that's seen is far easier to remember than anything read, seems to work well.

The success of logos may be what's fueling corporations to move ever so quickly to pin their badges on everything available, unregardless of cost. Also corporate identities have a way of discreetly blending into American society. Take the names of sports stadiums, for example. Many corporations are also in talks to the naming rights of airports and malls. The benefits are two fold, the cities, stadium owners and developers, receive a great deal of revenue. This is especially attractive to financially strapped cities, and the corporations get their name recognition.

In an effort to cash in on this advertising craze, two separate west coast entrepreneurs, are transforming the cars of willing commuters, into roaming billboards. The transformation is called "car wrapping." The wrap covers the entire car, even the windows. The lure is that cars

can reach a greater audience than stationary billboards. Corporations pay the companies and the participants are paid up to \$400 a month, to have their vehicles covered with ads.

If this all sounds very appealing, there is a certain criteria to meet, such as the type of vehicle. They're looking for head turners, Beetles are hot now. How about the PT Cruiser? Sorry a tan Chevy cavalier won't qualify. Plus there is a long waiting list of eager participants. This is not a new concept. Since 1993, 5000 municipal buses have been wrapped in vinyl advertising. Speculation is the vehicle wrapping craze is chugging east - do I smell franchise here? Participants claim it's fun - and have been known to literally stop traffic.

However, driving distractions are becoming a growing concern! A study of AAA and the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety, revealed that 25% of the 6.3 million crashes each year, are caused by drivers distracted by other activities. Experts claim glancing from the road to insert a compact disc, for example, makes a driver six times more likely to have a crash, than glancing at the fuel gauge.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recently concluded a fact gathering program and will shortly begin a research project. The agency says 44% of drivers have phones in their vehicles, 7% have e-mail access and 3% can receive faxes.

With this growing concern, the question becomes should vehicles be allowed to be transformed into roaming billboards and produce yet another distraction which participants claim can literally stop traffic at the potential risk to public safety?

Whether corporations have too much power or not, the aspect of their dominant

presence is certainly felt in America. Only when we become conscious of this presence do we come to realize how high this visibility actually is. And all indications tend to support the conviction, that corporations are preserving to become ever more visible.



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EDCSS to host Small Business Awards Luncheon St. Laurence to host annual open house

Moraine Valley Community College's Economic Development Council for the Southwest Suburbs (EDCSS) has announced the recipients of its sixth annual Small Business Awards. The awards will be presented at a luncheon on Wednesday, October 25, at 11:30 a.m. at the Silver Lake Country Club, 147th St. and 82nd Ave. in Orland Park.

The five categories are Small Business Person of the Year, Small Business Advocate of the Year, Government Contractor of the Year, the Training Excellence Award, and the Business/Education Partnership Award.

The featured speaker at the luncheon will be Richard E. Gottlieb, an attorney with Dykema Gossett, who will speak on "E-Commerce Legal Issues." Gottlieb represents firm clients in complex business litigation matters, including financial services, insurance, information technology, intellectual property, and contract disputes. In addition, he regularly represents clients in regulatory matters and administrative proceedings before federal and state agencies.

Gottlieb is an active member of the American Bar Association and is admitted to the bars of Illinois, the District of Columbia, and New York. He received his B.A. from Vanderbilt University, his J.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and his L.L.M. from the Georgetown University Law Center. He is also a frequent lecturer on trial practice and financial services issues.

Tickets to the luncheon are \$20. For more information or to make reservations for the luncheon, call EDCSS at (708) 974-5714. For news media inquiries, call Marianne Bisby, public relations specialist, at (708) 974-5281.

St. Laurence High School, 77th and Central in Burbank, will hold its annual Open House on Sunday, October 29, for 7th and 8th grade boys and their parents. The first tour of the day will begin at 11:30 a.m., while the final tour will set off at 2:30 p.m.

Each group will learn firsthand about the school's commitment to promoting leadership and cultivating and producing leaders in and out of the classroom setting. For forty years now the Christian Brothers school has molded students into leaders in the workplace, the church, and the entire community.

Each tour will be hosted by a St. Laurence student, parent, and faculty member, and will give visitors the opportunity to visit all areas of the campus. Stops will emphasize the school's academic programs and facilities, and will include the school's five computer labs featuring the new Reilly Computer Center, modern science labs, Media Center, Computer Graphics Center, the brand new Science Resource Network, and Guidance Center featuring college placement and career planning services.

Another part of the campus available for public viewing is the school's multipurpose stadium, complete with lights for night football and soccer.

The award winning St. Laurence band, renowned throughout Illinois, will perform in the 1600 seat gymnasium, which proudly displays the school's rich athletic tradition.

"Our open house gives all elementary school students and their parents a unique look at all of the benefits, opportunities and real advantages St. Laurence students enjoy," commented Tom Kurzawski, Director of Admissions.

"Our students, parents and staff are all very involved with the event. As a result, we communicate to the prospective Viking students all that St. Laurence has to offer, as well as conveying the genuinely caring and friendly atmosphere, along with the message that Laurence is the place 'Where Leadership Begins,' concluded Kurzawski. More information is available by contacting the Office of Admissions during regular school hours at (708) 458-6900, ext. 237.

St. Francis recognizes Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The numbers are staggering. An estimated 182,800 new cases of breast cancer are expected to occur among women in the U.S. this year. It is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in all women, after lung cancer. An estimated 40,800 women are expected to die from breast cancer this year.

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To make an appointment women need a physician's order and to schedule an appointment by October 20. Evening appointments are available. Payment can be made by check or cash. If paying by check, please bring two checks, one for the hospital and the other for the radiologists. If previous mammograms were taken at another facility, the mammography films must accompany patient on the day of the exam.

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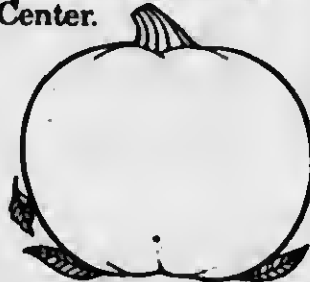


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roll in such plans and set aside funds for next year's expenses. Failing to do so can cost you valuable tax savings.

FSAs allow you to set aside pretax dollars to pay for medical costs not covered by insurance and for qualified dependent care expenses. Under a typical

FSA, you agree to a contribution that is deducted from your paycheck and deposited in a separate account. You must determine the amount you want withheld for 2001 before the end of 2000.

The big advantage of these accounts lies in the tax savings. Money funneled through such reimbursement accounts escapes federal income, Social

Security, and Medicare taxes, since the contributions are not included in your taxable wages Form W2. For example, if you estimate that your medical expenses are going to be \$4,000 for the coming year, and that amount is reimbursed to you tax free, if you are in the 31% tax bracket, you would save \$1,240. Keep in mind, too, that paying medical expenses with pre tax dollars allows you to avoid the 7.65% adjusted gross income (AGI) floor that limits medical itemized deductions.

Health Care Spending Accounts: For your health care spending account, each fall you'll need to estimate your eligible expenses for the upcoming calendar year from an employer-provided list of qualified medical expenses. Start with your medical insurance deductibles and/or co-payments, then add the cost of anticipated medical, dental, vision care, and prescription drugs, that are not covered by your regular health plan. (Expenses for cosmetic surgery do not qualify.) You can use your flexible spending account to pay for qualifying expenses for you and your eligible dependents.

The benefit of these plans is that at any point in the year you can spend more than you've contributed to your health care flexible spending account (although not more than you're scheduled to contribute by year's end). For example, if you elect to contribute \$200 a month to your health care flexible spending account, and you incur \$1,000 of qualifying expenses the first month, you're entitled to the full \$1,000 reimbursement even though to date you have paid only \$200 into the plan. When you have eligible expenses, you pay them as you normally would. Then you submit receipts for your payments along with reimbursement request to your employer.

Dependent Care Spending Accounts: Many employers also offer flexible spending plans for dependent care expenses, such as day care, after school care, and summer day camp for children under age 13. To qualify for reimbursement, these expenses must be incurred

in order for you (and your spouse if filing jointly) to hold down a job. Dependent care expenses are generally easier to estimate than health care costs because they involve regular weekly or monthly costs. However, be sure to exclude vacation periods from your calculations.

Under current law, the maximum tax free reimbursement under the dependent care flexible spending account is \$5,000. If you contribute to a dependent care FSA, any tax free reimbursement reduces the expenses eligible for the dependent care credit, so you'll want to do the math to see which way you come out ahead.

Use It Or Lose It: Here's the catch. It's important that you calculate your health care and dependent care needs very carefully because IRS regulations require that you forfeit any amounts you place in the plan that aren't spent by the end of the year.

You cannot roll over money from one year to the next, nor can you transfer money between

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If you already have a flexible spending account, CPAs recommend that you check on the balance remaining in your account. Should you determine that you haven't yet used your balance for 2000, consider making an appointment for a dental cleaning or purchasing an extra pair of glasses. This information was brought to you by the Illinois CPA Society. The Illinois CPA Society is a state professional association representing 25,000 accounting, financial and business professionals throughout the State of Illinois and beyond. For more information visit the Society's website at www.icpas.org or call (312) 993-0393 or (800) 993-0393 (within Illinois).



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- Wear a mask when sawing or machining treated wood. Whenever possible, perform these tasks outdoors to avoid dust accumulation.
- Clean thoroughly and discard sawdust and debris after construction.
- After working with treated wood, wash exposed skin, and wash heavily soiled clothing separately from the household wash.
- Leftover wood can be recycled and reused.
- Never burn preserved wood in stoves, boilers, fireplaces or in outdoor fires.



Used safely, treated wood provides a lifetime of benefits to its users and to the environment.

Scraps can be discarded in the ordinary trash. Treated wood from construction sites and other commercial uses can be disposed of in approved landfills or by burning in approved industrial incinerators or boilers.

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During the October 29th Halloween costume skate, the arena will also host a pumpkin contest. Kids are invited to bring their carved jack-o-lanterns to the open skate session to put them on display for judging. There will be prizes for all who enter. For more information call the Ice Arena at (708) 857-5173.

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are still needed! Please call Angela at (708) 857-2200. (Note: The games and scare stations are designed for kids up to age 12.)

***Pumpkin Carving & Decorating**, Oct. 26, Oakview Center. Bring your pumpkin, carving utensils and imagination to Oakview from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. to create a truly unique jack-o-lantern. The park district will supply the decorations, markers and refreshments. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Designed for ages 3 to 10, cost for residents is \$2 and \$4 for non residents.

***Halloween Hip Hop**, Oct. 27, Community Pavilion (9401 S. Oak Park Ave). This is a Halloween dance from 7 to 9 p.m. for persons with learning disabilities, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities. Come in costume to enjoy refreshments, dancing, contests and prizes. Cost is \$3 for residents, \$5 for non residents.

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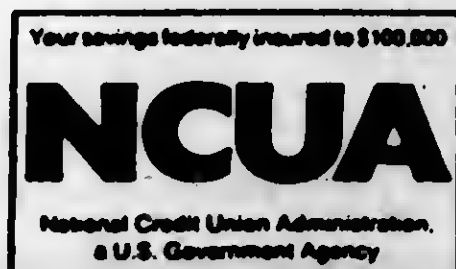


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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Local CAPS gets insight on courts

By Rick Techman

How the Cook County Court system works for offenders, victims and the community arose as the topic of discussion at the CAPS Beat 811 meeting last week in Garfield-Ridge. The speaker, county prosecutor Mark Ertler, has served with the Cook County State's Attorneys office for almost ten years and is a resident of the neighborhood.

Ertler explained the Cook County State's Attorney's office is in place to prosecute anyone charged with a misdemeanor or felony in the city or suburbs. He said the state's attorneys main court building is at 26th and California next to the county jail but added many charges are also heard at several satellite court buildings in the suburbs.

Ertler explained that there are two types of crimes heard in court, one is a misdemeanor, which is basically a first offense of a low cost and non-violent nature. The other type of crime is a felony, which is a serious crime frequently, committed by repeat offenders. He said it is his job to prosecute the legally

charged, alleged criminals while it is the job of the public defender or defense counsel to get the alleged offender back on the street.

When an offender is brought to court for his bond hearing, allowing the judge to hear the basic facts in the case, the judge will set a fine which the offender is liable for and will be withheld if he does not return to court for trial. Ertler said there are three types of bonds. One is an I-bond or personal recognizance bond.

The second bond a judge could set depending on the severity of the charge is an E-bond. This, according to Ertler, is a ten percent down payment on the total cost of the bond. The most expensive bond set is the C-bond or cash bond which is one payment, at the time of the hearing, of the total cost of the bond. By meeting the bond requirements offenders are free to return home until their next court date. When bond is not met, offenders await their next court date in prison.

According to Ertler there is a time consuming series of court activities, by both the defense

and the prosecution, which will delay and possibly change the outcome of a trial. Although an alleged offender has a constitutionally guaranteed right to a speedy trial, that is something he usually doesn't want.

Ertler encouraged everyone in attendance at the meeting to continue their court advocacy program which allows residents to go to court in a group to persuade the judge to punish the offender to the fullest extent of the law. Though there might be several continuances, the court advocates agreed always to remain vigilant to appearing in court when an offender of a crime from the area appears before a judge.



Alderman Michael Zalewski (23) announces airport jobs, construction and big changes coming to the 23rd Ward in the next two years by agreements made with the city and big business to bring investment here. (photo/caption by Rick Techman)

Jobs, improvements reach the Ridge

By Rick Techman

Improvements along 47th Street and construction along Cicero Avenue will bring jobs and financial growth to the Vittum Park area at the east end of Garfield-Ridge according to Alderman Michael Zalewski (23) when he spoke to about 50 residents at the Vittum Park Civic League last week.

Zalewski explained that the area along 47th Street and along Cicero Avenue has been declared a Tax Increment Financing Zone to encourage new and bigger businesses to move in and build new offices in vacant lots and in places where less desirable businesses now stand. He said that America Trans Air airlines, one of the two major carriers on Midway Airport, will be moving a big part of its base of operations in Indianapolis, Indiana to the southwest side.

Impressed with the enormous growth of Midway Airport, the

new terminal building, the public transportation system and the area in general, according to Zalewski, the management of ATA will move three major training centers to the TIF district. Zalewski said ATA does a lot of business at Midway Airport and plans to increase their presence here considerably.

"They are so impressed," Zalewski said, "with the new terminal development and what's going to be happening along Cicero that their basically going to be moving from Indianapolis to Chicago. Their going to be moving," he added, "their pilots training center, their stewardess training center and their maintenance training center to the Chicagoland area somewhere along Cicero Avenue."

Zalewski added now he would like to see some growth along 47th Street. But in the meantime he added police and court enforcement of the no truck parking in private lots will continue. "It's basically,"

Zalewski said, "a scam. None of those lots are zoned to allow trucks to park there.

"That's just not," Zalewski continued, "what they're zoned for." Zalewski also said residents are needed to go down to the courts with him to testify to the judge against the truck drivers and landowners to move the trucks and fence off the lots.

With the help of a Beat 814 patrol sergeant, Zalewski also informed the group that the crackdown on prostitution along 47th Street and Cicero is continuing. The patrol sergeant explained that every month a crackdown is conducted against the prostitutes themselves or a reverse sting using female police decoys is run against the customers to clean up the street crime here.



St. Rita football program receives check for \$18,000

The St. Rita High School Alumni Association presents a check to the St. Rita football program in the amount of \$18,000 during half time of the St. Rita vs. Loyola homecoming game. The donation will be used to purchase new practice apparatus and football equipment. Pictured from left: Vice President Bill Lynch '91; President Rich Hochgraver '71; Treasurer Nick Calarco '73; St. Rita Principal Joseph Bamberger; St. Rita President Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA '83; and St. Rita Athletic Director John Bonk '75.

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Left to right: Imelda M. Siemek, Branch Mgr., Vicki Columbus, Assistant V.P. and Paul J. Beneturski, Regional V.P.

Highlights from Chicago Ridge

by Jude Coyle

A number of items came before the Chicago Ridge Village Board on Tuesday October 3. Trustees discussed and voted to enter into the State Treasurer's new Prime Funds. This is for funds meant to pay expenses due 30 to 60 days away. Currently, Village Clerk Charles Tokar explained, the Village can call their banking facility and request money in the morning and have it by 11. Prime Funds is a money market fund through the Treasurer's office, and will pay a higher interest rate. Money held in this fund will not be available as quickly.

For consideration only, Attorney George Witous brought up what he described as the future. Eventually, he feels that Trustees forced to be away on meeting days, will be able to attend via electronic means. He asked Board Members to review an ordinance that was brought before the Naperville Board and defeated.

The Village Board awarded Bechstein of Tinley Park, the bid for the demolition of the old Police Department and Public Works garage. Bechstein will level the land and lay stone. According

to Village Clerk Tokar, there are no plans for either properties at this time. Bechstein was employed by the Village to demolish the school that had stood in the spot where the Municipal Complex now stands.

The Board approved the expenditure of \$8400 for Christmas decorations. Folger Flag of Blue Island will hang decorations on poles on both sides of 111th and 107th Streets, and every pole on business streets in the Village. This year Oak, leading to the old Village Hall will not be decorated.

As of the 3rd, Washington Street between Oxford and Ridgeland was still torn up. When the contractors responsible for repaving Washington removed the top layer, gas mains were exposed. That was just prior to Labor Day. Before resurfacing, NICOR must sink the mains lower. According to Engineer Dr. Christopher Burke, this is a four day job for a 5 man team. The delay was caused because NICOR has their hands full with the mercury mess. Mayor Siegel has contacted NICOR. They promised to make this a priority. The roadway was laid in the '50's.

Components for the new tornado sirens are finally in.



Emily Dziedzic and Madeline enjoyed the Chicago Ridge expo.

Chicago Ridge history room opens its doors

by: Jude Coyle

On October 3, former Library Board Members Marvin Labahn and Jau-nita Babcock cut the ribbon across the door of the new Chicago Ridge History Room, formally declaring the room open. Labahn and Babcock have pushed for a facility of this nature for a long time. An Open House followed the ribbon cutting ceremony. The room is tucked in a front corner on the lower floor of the new Chicago Ridge Municipal Center, on the Police Department side.

According to Library Director Kathy McSwain, Eiko Farrell will open the History Room each Monday and Tuesday, from 1 to 5 pm. If it becomes necessary, other days will be added to the schedule.

It is early yet, and the room doesn't hold much. Library officials searched through their collection of photos and artifacts, and chose what they felt be-

longed there. A display case from the Board Room at the old Village Hall has been transferred into the room. This holds photos of former Chicago Ridge Mayors. There are a number of paintings of historic C.R. buildings. The artist is resident Evelyn Dekker. The Library commissioned them using money earned at Ridge-Fest. As Mrs. McSwain said, they are bright and grabs one's attention immediately.

At the Open House, a number of photograph albums sat open on tables and file cabinets. One in particular had photos from the '50's of residents protesting the lack of sewers. A number of photos were donated by Village Clerk Charles Tokar. Mayor Gene Siegel promised to contribute several items.

Earlier in the year the Village View printed the View of The Century edition, (a copy has become part of the collection) and



Pictured is Joanne Bilder at the Country Squire Florist display.

Chicago Ridge Worth business expo

Recently, the Chicago Ridge/Worth Chamber of Commerce held a very successful expo with more than 40 exhibitors in Chicago Ridge at Finley Jr. High School. The admission was free.

There were several hundred in attendance, including Ms. Dziedzic from Worth.

Guest appearances from Christopher George, the Amazing Magician, golf pro Steve Dell, and The Fox from Worth Library. A great surprise was from Magic the Dog, from Old Navy.

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Bridgeview trustees vote to have a resolution for a legal agency

by: Jude Coyle

On Wednesday November 1, the Bridgeview Village Board approved a resolution that would eventually lead to appointing attorneys to be retained by Municipal Collection Services, Inc. This agency collects fines due to the Village for parking and building code violations. In the event that collection entails going to court, the agency will pay attorney fees.

Trustee Wayne Grabinski presented the following ordinances for the Board's approval:

Property located at 9000 S. Harlem is rezoned from I-1 limited industrial, to C-3, General Business.

The property located at 9349 South Oketo will be subdivided into 2 lots. This will be known as the Hubadt Subdivision.

The property located on the N.W. corner of 79th and Harlem will be subdivided into 5 lots. Currently this property is where the Pioneer Trailer Courts are. This is the next step in bringing Walgreens and other businesses to that corner.

The last ordinance rezones the corner at 78th and Harlem to C-2, Community Shopping. Aldis will be built on this site. This ordinance reduces off-street parking requirements of the forthcoming Walgreens, from 84 to 77, and the for the future fast food restaurant from 75 to 43 spaces. These variations were granted on the condition that an 8 ft privacy fence will be constructed east of the driveway used by neighboring condos, that the driveway from 78th St. west of the property line is rebuilt, including the installation of storm drainage, that parking lots and storm

sewers are constructed so that neighboring properties will not be affected by storm run-off, public sidewalks will be built on 78th, 79th and Harlem, that no trucks will be parked overnight except trucks belonging to businesses for the delivery of goods, and that traffic control devices will be installed on 78th St.

Trustee Norma Pinion announced that the seniors will travel to PLO

WS to purchase tickets for their Restaurant Program. This year the program is extended only to previously enrolled participants, as federal funding was cut. For \$3 each, seniors can purchase up to 5 meal tickets to be used at Les Bros., The Plaza Cafe or Al's Diners. Finally Mayor Steve Landek swore in Firefighters Dan Miller and Bob Denson.

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Love lights a tree

The American Cancer Society kicked off its "Love Lights a Tree" program in Oak Lawn recently. Pictured from left to right are Chief of Police Jim Houk, Village Clerk Jayne Powers, Mayor Ernest Kolb, Old Kent Bank's Charles Fedor, Bank of Homewood Roxanne Murtaugh, Fire Chief Tom Moran. Love "lights" a tree this Holiday season when you make a contribution to the Oak Lawn Unit of the American Cancer Society. You can contribute either \$5 for a single light or \$10 for an ornament. \$25 will light 6 bulbs, \$50 will light half a strand and \$100 will light a full strand. \$250 will light an angel for the top of the tree in memory of someone you hold dear. The tree will be located at the Oak Lawn Village Green, 95th and Cook. A dedication ceremony and tree lighting will be held immediately following the Oak Lawn Holiday Parade on November 25, 2000.

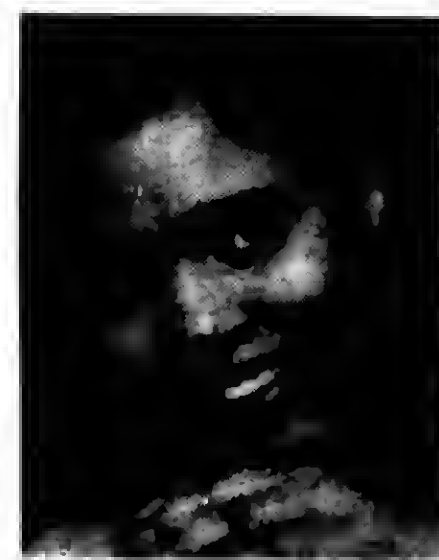
Hospitals expect to lose money due to new classification system

The Health Care financing Administration (HCFA), recently estimated loss of revenue due to the proposed Ambulatory Payment Classification system (APC's) which was implemented on August 1, 2000. This new system has added pressure on healthcare facilities to contain outpatient costs just as Diagnoses-Related Groups impacted hospital inpatient services.

Healthcare facilities are already feeling the financial crunch due to a lack of qualified coding personnel, or budgetary constraints are restricting them from hiring experienced coders while the marketplace is encountering a shortage of medical record coders. Today these facilities are meeting the demand through outsource agencies to help combat the problem.

According to Deborah L.

Wilson, MS, RHIA, President of Med-e-Code Express, "This growing demand to assist healthcare facilities minimize their financial risk due to improper coding has allowed her firm grow throughout the area and nationally. Further, our thorough understanding of ICD-9-CM, CPT and E/M coding is imperative". Presently the company is servicing hospitals, clinics, and physician office staff with education and training on correct coding and medical record documentation. Wilson added, "Industry standards are rapidly changing and the need for accurate outpatient service coding is increasing on a daily basis. Many physician practices and ambulatory personnel don't realize inaccurate coding makes them vulnerable to federal investigation. Our job is to mini-



mize their risk of exposure."

In addition Wilson stated, "Emerging technologies are now provide coding and reimbursement to facilities via internet access. This new concept can be successfully phased into the Midwest market and is one of the goals of Med-e-Code Express."

For more information, contact Deborah L. Wilson at (708) 798-5286.

There is one thing certain, namely, that we can have nothing certain; therefore it is not certain that we can have nothing certain.
—Samuel Butler



Mother McAuley Award

From left to right: Sister Ellen Marie Ryan, RSM, and Katie Boyce (Oak Lawn) smile after receiving the Catherine McAuley Award

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Genealogy Lecture



Kathy O'Leary

The Mt. Greenwood Historical Society welcomes guest speaker, Kathleen O'Leary, on Monday, November 27th at 6:45 p.m. at the Mt. Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie Ave., in Chicago. A basic overview of local sources for genealogical research will be presented. This free lecture is open to the public. For information, contact Janet McBride at (773) 881-8168 or e-mail at mtghistorical@yahoo.com.

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The Evergreen Park Village Pantry Coalition will hold a "Stock the Pantry" food drive during November and December.

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Donations may be dropped off at the Office of Citizen's Services at 3450 West 97th Street, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Monetary donations are also appreciated. Make your checks payable to Village Pantry Coalition.

For further information, or if you would like to refer someone in need, please call Jolene Churak, Director, at 422-8776.

Social Security benefits increase in 2001

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits will increase 3.5 % in 2001, Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner of Social Security announced recently.

The 3.5 percent increase will begin with benefits that Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2001. Increased payments to SSI recipients will begin on December 29.

For Social Security beneficiaries, the average monthly benefit for all retired workers will rise from \$816 to \$845. The maximum federal SSI monthly payments to an individual will rise from \$512 to \$530. For a couple, the maximum federal SSI payments to an individual will rise from \$769 to \$796.

"The annual Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) is one of the most critically important features of the Social Security program," stated Commissioner Apfel. "For the elderly, it guarantees that their foundation of retirement income will remain strong for as long as they live."

National City launches the Education Card

National City Corporation, an \$85 billion financial holding company based in Cleveland, Ohio, has introduced an evolutionary new credit card to benefit school districts in Michigan, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

With the Education Card program, National City donates a percentage of sales to the school district designated by the cardholders on their applications. In addition, This program includes an exciting special option that

allows cardholders to further customize their credit card by submitting a personal photo.

"This credit card represents a unique opportunity for parents to demonstrate loyalty to their favorite school district at no cost to them," explained Jeff Klimek, senior vice president, consumer finance marketing manager for National City. "The more people in a district who use the card, the greater the donation a district will receive, without limit."

Crestwood, Palos Park awarded state forestry grants

Two communities in the 18th District have received Urban and Community Forest Grants from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to help assess and refurbish their tree resources, according to State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park).

The Department of Natural Resources' Division of Forest Resources has awarded a \$5,000 grant to Crestwood to plant 95 trees

around the Crestwood Recreation Center. The Department awarded a \$3,150 grant to Palos Park to conduct a tree inventory.

"The communities of Crestwood and Palos Park are to be congratulated for working to preserve and enhance their natural resources," O'Malley said.

The Education Card is a Visa Classic credit card, with a 5.9% introductory rate on purchases and balance transfers for 6 months and a 7.99%+ prime rate after the introductory period. An average credit card customer charges \$3,000 a year on their credit card. Assuming this average, if one hundred cardholders designate a specific school district, that district would receive \$1200.

"Trees are an important part of what makes a community a nice place to live and do business."

The Department of Natural Resources' Division of Forest Resources is awarding \$107,359 in funding to 27 communities for urban forestry projects. The Illinois Urban and Community Forestry Grant program is a cooperative effort with the United States Forest Service's Urban and Forestry Grant Program to provide 50/50 cost share reimbursements to communities.



Left to right: Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, and William E. Dugan, Local 150.

O'Brien named Statesman of the Year

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, who is also President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, was presented with the "Statesman of the Year" award by William E. Dugan, President and Business Manager of International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150.

President Dugan stated, "The Operating Engineers have found Commissioner O'Brien an outstanding representative of government who best exemplifies the concerns of working men and

women in both the labor and management community." Commissioner O'Brien joins the ranks of such previously honored dignitaries as Governor George Ryan, former Governor Jim Edgar, Mayor Richard M. Daley, and other distinguished leaders in the field of government.

O'Brien was elected a commissioner in 1988 and re-elected in 1999. He has been President of the Board since 1997, and is the first member of the M.W.R.D. to be honored.

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Little Company testing new-borns' hearing

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The computerized hearing test is a preliminary, non evasive test that measures auditory nerve response through sensors placed on the infants' ears and neck. The test results in early detection and intervention of hearing problems in new borns. If the newborn does not pass the preliminary test, further evaluations and testing are done. As opposed to the national average of 35 percent of newborns tested for hearing.

Little Company tests 100% of its newborns. Little Company began newborn hearing screening in August 1999 with special equipment obtained through a grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services.

"Hearing is essential for the well being of the child," said Annita John, M.D., a Little Company pediatrician. "Identifying any hearing deficiencies very early in life allows us to intervene where possible to correct hearing and provide children a greater chance at normal development." In alliance with the Deafness Research Foundation (DRF), Little Company is committed to early detection of hearing loss starting at infancy. DRF launching the National Campaign for Hearing Health, a five year public outreach education and government relations initiative to ensure that all Americans, especially children, can benefit from research breakthroughs and

enjoy lifelong hearing.

For further information on hearing and screening for newborns born at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, please call the Baby Line at (708) 422-6200 ext. BABY (2229).

Also offered at Little Company for newborns is the Cuddler Program. Under the supervision of nursery R.N.s, this group of dedicated volunteers provides the extra touch and cuddling infants may require during extended hospital stays.

Gingerbread house party

The Mother McAuley High School Music Department will sponsor a Gingerbread House Building Party Saturday, December 2, 2000, in the school cafeteria at 3737 W. 99th Street in Chicago.

All components and candy decorations are provided. Decorating begins at 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (or when your house is finished) and the cost is \$25 per house. Reservations must be made by November 17 by calling Mrs. Phyllis Karge at (773) 881-6543.

Proceeds from this event help defray costs for the McAuley Orchestra trip to perform at Disney World in the spring.

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For those born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: There is a definite undertone around you this month, and this could be in dealing with rumours, as well as some financial dealings. C helps if asked. Travel.

For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Being conservative about your spending is not wrong. If you let someone tell you what to spend and for what, you're doing the wrong thing. G aids.

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: It would amaze you to know where your money is really going, and how your taxes are being spent! It is time to look into such things rather than complaining about them. Get the facts straight. F aids.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: The chief focus this month for most of you is in settling matters with family members. Someone has been watching you and has a great deal of Faith in you, don't let anyone down. S involved.

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: P and someone A involved in this month's activities with you. But, there is someone who really needs a hug, and this is You! Reach out. Let yourself be loved.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: A letter may explain much to you about what others really think or expect of and from you. Be willing to listen to criticism that has real benefit for you in it. E and a Pisces involved. Walk a lot.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: You get the chance to make a big leap to success and, the right people are entering into your "circle." F and C involved and a happier spirit too.

For those born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: Go for walks, go for long rides, and above all go for the gold in a business or work-related matter. You have others mystified about how well you can do the job! More money on the way. Be aggressive romantically. H and L involved and a Leo.

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Bruce Blake and Diane Shephardson of Evergreen Park are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheri Woyner to David Brodsky, son of Bob and Anna-Marie Brodsky also of Evergreen Park. Cheri teaches music and drama at Central Junior High in Evergreen Park and has her degree from Milliken University, David is the corporate secretary for J.J. Brodsky and Sons, Inc. of Chicago and was granted his degree from Bradley University in Peoria. A summer wedding is being planned and the happy couple will reside in Oak Lawn. (photo by Bob Brodsky).



Wedding Announcement

Elizabeth Anne Boyd and Michael Reid Pirnat will marry this holiday season in the suburbs of Chicago. Elizabeth is the daughter of Anne Caryl Boyd and the late Granberry Davis Boyd of Evergreen Park and formerly Oak Lawn. Michael is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Martin Pirnat of Durango, Colorado. The bride to be earned a bachelor's degree at the Weatherhead School of Management, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. The future bridegroom is a web developer for AmericanGreetings.com in Cleveland, Ohio. He earned a bachelor's degree in computer engineering at Case Western Reserve University. The couple plans to reside in Westlake, Ohio.



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Crafts & Things

Filing deadline approaching for Evergreen Park programs

Filing deadline for the Circuit Breaker/Pharmaceutical Program/Reduced License Plate Fee is December 31. Forms are available at the OCS Office, Room 107, 3450 West 97th St., Evergreen Park.

The Circuit breaker Program provides annual tax relief in the form of a grant based on the amount of property tax or rent paid. The current annual tax household

income limit is \$16,000. Qualified applicants may purchase a pharmaceutical card that helps cover the cost of prescriptions. Also, those who qualify receive a discount for their vehicle registration renewal. Applicants must file each year; however, once you have filed, the form is mailed directly to your home.

To be eligible for next year, you must have been 65 in 2,000, or be permanently disabled, and have a qualifying income. 2000 applications will not be available until January 2001.

Evergreen Park Office of Citizens' Services plans Caribbean Trip

The Evergreen Park Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 W. 97th St., and Travel Log have planned a "Royal Caribbean Cruise" aboard the "Vision of the Seas", a 915 foot cruiser, visiting the ports of Key West, Florida, as well as Playa Del Carmen & Cozumel, Mexico; Georgetown, Grand Cayman; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Oranjestad, Aruba; Willemstad, Curacao.

The trip is happening Monday, March 12, 2001 - Friday, March 23, 2001. Prices range from \$1,799-\$2,749 per person. For more information call (708) 422-8776.

Military News

Air Force Airman Raul E. Garcia has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is the son of Isabel and Jose Garcia of 5829 S. Austin Avenue in Chicago. He is a 1998 graduate of Brother Rice High School in Chicago.

"New Year's Eve at Noon"

The Evergreen Park Office of Citizens' Services is celebrating "New Year's Eve at Noon", Sunday, December 31, 2000, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Martinique. There will be music, dancing, food, party favors and entertainment featuring Chuck Salvo and the King of "Blarney" George Casey.

Tickets are \$45 and includes complete dinner (choice of prime rib or scrod) and 2 cocktails. They are available now at the Office of Citizen's Services, 3450 W. 97th St., in Evergreen Park.

St. Albert the Great's Vegas Night

St. Albert the Great, 5555 State Road in Burbank, is having a Vegas Night for anyone 21 or over on Friday and Saturday, November 10th and 11th from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Pizza, snacks, beer, wine and soda are available as well as many games. There is \$4 admission.

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FOOD FOR SECONDS



Expect the unexpected at Big Bowl | Sicilian Salad

by Anita Anderson

Don't expect your "regular" Chinese food at Big Bowl Restaurant, 60 E. Ohio Street, in Chicago. The menu staggers and excites the taste buds as one notes many listings as Chinese Barbecued Pork Soong, Chinese Barbecued Pork Shoulder, Pan Roasted Shrimp Stuffed Chile Peppers or Smoked-Seared and Steamed Halibut with Fresh Tomatoes. Other Thai and curry Indian listings are also available in a wide array of taste tempting delicacies.

And to make already good matters even better, the service is great and the prices are quite reasonable when you consider the portions, array and variety.

Big Bowl's menu offers about 75 items, mostly noodles (five kinds) and "little dishes" to share, and weekly specials. The food is fresh, healthy and authentic. Anyone can prepare it.

Bruce Cost, a celebrated cook, author, and culinary partner in Big Bowl reveals how to make the dishes in his Big Bowl cookbook he wrote with Chef Matt McMillin. The book is available in all book stores and is a treasure chest of easy and concise how-to-do-it recipes.

There are three Big Bowls, all Lettuce Entertain You enterprises located at 159 West Erie,

6 E. Cedar and 60 E. Ohio Street, the newest. Call (312) 951-1888. They are open seven days a week. Following are recipes from the Big Bowl cookbook.

Shanghai Noodles with Shrimp and Fresh Vegetables

Known as "Shanghai with Shrimp" at Big Bowl, this is a simple shrimp with vegetables noodle dish reminiscent of the original Chinese-American *lo mein* -- expect that authentic, hand cut Shanghai noodles are relatively new to these shores.

- 8 ounces Shanghai noodles
- 3 teaspoons sesame oil plus few drops for sprinkling
- 3 large dried black mushrooms
- 6 ounces large fresh shrimp
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 4 ounces small bok choy leaves with stems
- 1/4 cup bamboo shoots, sliced
- 3 scallions, cut into 2 inch lengths
- 1/4 cup unseasoned chicken stock
- 3 tablespoons oyster sauce
- 1 tablespoon light soy sauce
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup peanut or vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup bean sprouts

Freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

Cook the noodles in a large quantity of rapidly boiling water, drain, run under cold water to stop the cooking, and drain again. Toss with 2 teaspoons of the sesame oil and set aside.

Pour hot water to cover the mushrooms. Set aside for 30 minutes.

Peel and divide the shrimp, and cut in half lengthwise. Toss with the cornstarch and the remaining 1 teaspoon sesame oil and set aside.

Drain the mushroom, squeeze, cut off and discard the stems and slice.

Combine the bok choy, bamboo and scallions. Combine the chicken stock, oyster sauce.

Heat 1/2 cup peanut oil in a wok or skillet to hot but not smoking. Add the shrimp, stirring to separate pieces. When barely cooked, remove to drain. Drain off the oil and reserve it.

Heat a clean wok or skillet to hot and add 2 tablespoons of the reserved oil. Add the mushroom slices, stir briefly, then add the bok choy mixture. Cook over high heat stirring vigorously to coat the vegetables until they wilt. Add the noodles and toss until piping hot. Add the shrimp and toss for another 30 seconds. Add the bean sprouts and toss off the heat. Serve sprinkled with the black pepper and a few drops of sesame oil.

Chinese Barbecued Pork Soong

Ingredients:

- 6 dried black mushrooms
- Sauce:
- 1/4 cup hoisin sauce
- 1 tablespoon light soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 3/4 pd. of bbq pork, cut into

a 1/4 inch dice

- 3 tablespoons of peanut oil
- 1/4 cup peanut or vegetable oil

- 1/2 cup diced bamboo shoots
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced scallions
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 3 tablespoons peeled and diced fresh water chestnuts
- 2 tablespoons oyster sauce
- 2 teaspoons light soy sauce
- 1 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 cup chicken stock

1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch dissolved in 1 1/2 tablespoons water

- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon sesame oil

8-10 crisp bibb lettuce leaves

Cover the mushrooms with hot tap water and let them soak at least 30 minutes. Squeeze out the moisture, discard the liquid, cut off and discard the stems, and cut into a 1/4 inch dice.

Combine the sauce ingredients.

Heat a wok or skillet over high heat and add the oil. When hot, add the mushrooms; stir briefly. Add the pork and stir briefly; just to coat with the oil. Add the bamboo shoots, scallions, celery, and water chestnuts, and saute for 1 minute. Add the chicken stock, oyster sauce, soy sauce, sugar, and salt, and cook until the sauce boils. Dribble in the cornstarch mixture and cook until the mixture develops a clear glaze, about 30 seconds.

Remove from the heat, stir in the black pepper, and drizzle with the sesame oil. Toss to combine and remove to a small decorative bowl. Surround with Bibb lettuce

- 6 cups packed chopped or sliced romaine lettuce
- 1/2 cup diced drained bottled roasted red bell peppers

- 1/2 cup halved, pitted calamata or ripe olives
- 4 oz. sliced salami or pepperoni, cut into strips (1 cup)

- 4 pepperoncini peppers, sliced (optional)

- 1/2 cup Italian or Caesar salad dressing

- 1-1/2 cups (6 oz.)

Sargento Salad Creations with Parmesan, Mozzarella & Romano Cheeses,

divided

- 1 cup garlic flavored croutons

1. In large bowl, combine lettuce, bell peppers, olives, salami and, if desired, pepperoncini peppers. Add dressing; toss well.

2. Add 1-1/4 cups cheese and croutons; toss again. Transfer to serving plates. Top with remaining 1/4 cup cheese and serve with freshly ground black pepper, if desired.

VARIATION: The chopped salad may be served in pita pocket bread

"Gobbling good" holiday treats

Layered Walnut Pumpkin Pie

- 3/4 cup walnuts
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1 can (1 pound) pumpkin
- 3/4 granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3 large eggs, separated
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin spice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup whipping cream
- One 9 inch baked, cooled pie shell

Walnut halves for decoration

Chop walnuts fine, set aside. Soften gelatin in water in a 2 at saucepan. Stir in pumpkin, 1/2 cup of the sugar, milk, lightly beaten egg yolks, spice and salt.

Heat just to boiling, stirring constantly. Turn heat very low and cook 5 minutes, stirring.

Remove from heat; add va-

nilla and cool. Chill until mixture thickens slightly. Beat egg whites to soft peaks. Gradually beat in 2 tablespoons of sugar, beating until stiff.

Fold into pumpkin mixture, along with chopped walnuts. Beat cream with remaining sugar until very stiff. Turn half pumpkin mixture into pie shell and spread level. Top with 3/4 of the cream and spread in even layer.

Spoon on remaining pumpkin filling. Decorate top with remaining cream and walnut halves. Chill at least 4 hours before cutting.

Walnut Cookies

- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 cups brown sugar, packed
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 1/2 sifted all purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger

1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts

Cream butter and sugar together until fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Stir in pumpkin, vanilla, lemon peel and juice. Resift flour with baking powder, salt and spice; blend into butter mixture. Stir in walnuts. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto greased baking sheets 2 inches apart. Bake at 375°F. 12 to 14 minutes.



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Mother McAuley hosts open house for incoming students



St. Rita's annual Mustang Raffle

The St. Rita varsity football captains pose for a picture after learning they have received a free day for reaching their goal in the annual Mustang Raffle. This was the school's most successful raffle ever, raising over \$195,000 for the operating fund. Pictured standing in front of the freshman football players, from left: Principal Joseph Bamberger, varsity football captains Chris Burhans (Mt. Greenwood), Pat Connelly (Beverly), and President Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA, '83; Kneeling: Varsity football captains Kevin Carberry (Oak Lawn) and Mike Boyd (West Lawn).

Mother McAuley High School will hold two open house events to allow interested students and their families a chance to see the school first hand. The first will be held on Sunday, Nov. 5, from 12:00 to 2:30 p.m. The second will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The open house will feature a variety of activities. School clubs will present displays highlighting their activities. The *Societe Honoraire de Francais*, a French club, will have a French cafe for the refreshment of visitors.

In addition, the science department will have blood pressure screenings, video microscopy and dissection demonstrations. Hands on exhibits in the computer department and the chemistry department will add an interesting aspect to this year's

events as will demonstrations of ceramics and sculptures in the art department.

The chorus will stroll the halls adding music and spirit, and visitors can see rehearsals underway for *Hello Dolly*.

This fall the school welcomed 1,900 young women to its campus. During the open house, visitors will understand why these young women chose McAuley.

Following its mission to provide quality education for young women, McAuley offers technological capabilities not found at many schools including a full computer staff, a faculty/staff development program and a vast array of technology hardware and software.

Heading technology at McAuley is Computer Center One with discipline specific software, reference CD-ROMs and access to the Internet on 35 DOS/Win-

dows, networked multimedia workstations with access to the same resources, software, CD-ROMs and Internet. The Center also offers students the opportunity to have a complete text analysis of any writing assignment by using the newest version of the Writer's Workbench software program.

Technology is integrated into every area of the curriculum. Additionally, a building wide voice, video, and data network infrastructure has been installed. The infrastructure will provide computer and Internet access in every classroom and instructional area.

These latest advances complement McAuley's tradition of a Catholic, college preparatory education within a liberal arts curriculum. Over 96% of the Class of 2000 are continuing their education at institutions of

higher learning.

Personal faith formation is an integral part of each student's educational experience. McAuley's environment of Christian attitudes and values prepare each young woman for Christian leadership and the skills that will direct them to act competently and responsibly.

Walsh to address Chicago Ridge Friendship Club

Desmond Walsh, Naturalist with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, will speak before the Chicago Ridge Friendship Club, Monday, November 13 at 11:30 a.m., at the Village Hall, 10455 S. Ridgeland in Chicago Ridge.

Alice Cygan, coordinator, announced that Desmond will explain the recreation and conservation available within the forest preserves.

Desmond has been assigned to the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center in Willow Springs. He is a graduate of Michigan Tech University. He earned a bachelor of science degree in Forestry.

Dear Editor:

It's a darn shame that most politicians are only seen and heard from during election time. Fortunately, there is one or two who are not in that category. We must commend these elected officials who live up to their title and genuinely take an interest in the people they serve.

This is true with my current representative, Jim Brosnahan. The past few years, Mr. Brosnahan has been an active part of our community. He has meetings to inform residents about different issues and walks from home to home to hear residents' concerns. Mr. Brosnahan also held a Safety Day for us senior citizens and a workshop for local homeowners to help them with their tax appeals.

With all the negativity nowadays, it's refreshing to have an elected official, such as Jim Brosnahan, who sincerely cares about the people he represents.

Sincerely
Evelyn Gallagher

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| Nov. 18 | Tri-State University, IN | 1 PM |
| *Nov. 25 | Iowa Wesleyan, IA | 3 PM |
| *Nov. 26 | Teams TBA | 12 & 2 PM |
| Nov. 29 | Moody Bible Inst., IL | 5 PM |
| Dec. 9 | Mount Mercy, IA | 1 PM |
| *Dec. 15 | Aquinas College, MI | 8 PM |
| *Dec. 16 | Teams TBA | 1 & 3 PM |
| Dec. 18 | Campbellsville Univ., KY | 4 PM |
| Jan. 4 | Blackburn College, IL | 4 PM |
| Jan. 6 | Indiana-So. Bend, IN | 1 PM |
| Jan. 9 | Trinity Christian, IL | 7 PM |
| Jan. 13 | Purdue-Calumet, IN | 1 PM |
| Jan. 23 | Illinois Institute of Tech., IL | 5 PM |
| Jan. 27 | Oliver Nazarene, IL | 1 PM |
| Feb. 10 | Saint Francis, IL | 5 PM |
| Feb. 15 | Cardinal Stritch, WI | 7 PM |

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MEN'S HOME GAMES

HEAD COACH: TOM O'MALLEY

| DATE | OPPONENT | TIME |
|----------|-------------------------------|------|
| Nov. 15 | Judson College, IL | 7 PM |
| Nov. 21 | East-West U., IL | 7 PM |
| Nov. 29 | Saint Joseph-Calumet, IN | 7 PM |
| Dec. 5 | Trinity Christian College, IL | 7 PM |
| Dec. 8 | Kendall College, IL | 7 PM |
| Dec. 16 | Texas College, TX | 7 PM |
| *Dec. 20 | Saint Vincent, PA | 8 PM |
| *Dec. 21 | TBA | TBA |
| *Dec. 22 | TBA | TBA |
| Jan. 10 | Indiana U.-South Bend, IN | 7 PM |
| Jan. 13 | Barat College, IL | 3 PM |
| Jan. 23 | Oliver Nazarene, IL | 7 PM |
| Jan. 25 | East-West U., IL | 7 PM |
| Feb. 10 | Univ. of Saint Francis, IL | 7 PM |
| Feb. 14 | Purdue-Calumet, IN | 7 PM |
| Feb. 24 | I.I.T., IL | 3 PM |

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Peace announces sophomore class council

Queen of Peace High School is pleased to announce the young women who have been selected by their peers to assume leadership roles in the Sophomore Class Council. Congratulations to (left to right) Secretary Jennifer Pietruszynski (Justice), President Jaclyn Liesch (Chicago), Vice President Jillian Ruddy (Chicago) and Treasurer Karen Clark (Burbank).

Evergreen Park Office of Citizens'

The Evergreen Park Office of Citizens' Services offers artistic self-expression at weekly morning classes. The

art class meets Tuesdays -- 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Ruth Rodgers shares her expertise in whatever medium the students choose. Cost for the 6-week session is \$24 for Evergreen Park Residents and \$30 for non-residents.

A Christmas Fantasy On Ice

Once again on stage at Drury Lane will be transformed into a glistening ice arena for the 2000 holiday season. Written, produced and directed by John R. Lazzara, CEO and Executive Producer of Drury Lane Theatre and Richard Porter, President/Producer of Advanced Entertainment Group, Inc. this year's spectacular and unique production, A Christmas Fantasy On Ice captures the holiday spirit with dazzling performances by champion figure skaters, wonderful holiday music and a winter wonderland atmosphere.

A Christmas Fantasy On Ice stars two time U.S. National Champion, Christian Hendricks who performs the unbelievable Black Flip on a 34' x 25' ice arena; Adagio Pair Team, Denise Darling and Ken Mills, performing incredible lifts and spins; and beautiful Russian soloist, Larissa Zamotina, who starred as Jasmine with Disney on Ice in Aladdin.

Featured ensemble skaters are Dawn Feest, Jessica Ferguson, Amy Leafman-Forbes, Julie Godown, Fred

Haug, Natalie Mack, Chris Miller and Kristen Strojny.

From Barnum and Bailey Circus, Bobby Hunt (Circus Boy), lends his amazing juggling talents and incredible array of bicycle stunts to A Christmas Fantasy On Ice. And, as an added attraction, Those Funny Little People Christmas Elves, Wally and Victor make their Drury Lane debut to add to the fun.

Performances:

Matinees: Tuesday through Friday 2:00 p.m. (No performance Thanksgiving Day) Show only - \$21, Dinner and Show \$34.

Evenings and Week-ends: Selected Wednesdays - 8:00 p.m. December 6, 13, and 20. Fridays - 8:30 p.m. Saturdays - 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Sundays - 3:30 p.m. Show only \$26, Dinner and Show \$45. No performances Nov. 22, 23, Dec. 24, 25, or 26.

New Year's Eve Dinner and Show Packages:

Early Theatre Package: (\$70 per person, including tax and gratuity) 4:30 p.m. Theatre and 7:00 p.m. Dinner. Price includes ticket to A Christmas Fantasy On Ice, Filet Mignon Dinner, Two Cocktails per person. 4:30 p.m. Show only ticket to A Christmas Fantasy On Ice is \$30.

New Year's Eve at Noon: (\$45 per person, includes tax and gratuity) Price includes dinner and dancing featuring Chuck Salvo, The King of Comedy and George Casey, King of the Blarney, Prime Rib or Boston Scrod Dinner, two cocktails per person, D.J. - Instant Sound.

St. Linus School is making science fun

The middle school students at St. Linus School in Oak lawn are truly enjoying science this year due in part to a new science lab and a new science teacher.

Mrs. Geraldine Brennan was welcomed to the faculty of St. Linus this year. Mrs. Brennan has a long background in teaching science. Her enthusiasm has been contagious.

The children have conducted many experiments already this year such as learning to prepare slides and studying air resistance.

The students prepared slides using newspaper clippings and high powered microscopes donated to the new science lab by St. Xavier University.

Much of the excitement this year is also due to the fact that these lucky students have a newly remodeled science lab. A committee of dedicated parents and school staff solicited monetary donations and equipment from businesses and organizations.

Donations are still being gratefully accepted for the completion of the science lab, the purchase of additional equipment and the construction of a science lab for the students in the elementary grades. If you wish to make a donation, you may send your tax deductible donation to St. Linus School, c/o Ms. Joan Wahlin, 10400 S. Lawler, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Queen of Peace holds Open House

Queen of Peace High School will host an Open House on Sunday, November 19. One-hour tours will begin at 12:00, 12:30, 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. The entire Peace faculty is looking forward to meeting junior high students and their families. Interested members of the community are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to view the challenging curriculum and complete program of sports and activities. Tours begin in the renovated gymnasium with a talented performance by the award-winning Queen of Peace-St. Laurence Band. Visitors will explore the modern facilities,

including state-of-the-art science labs and interdisciplinary classrooms. They will tour the computer aided design lab, the Pentium computer centers and the technology-enriched library, as well as meet the entire Peace faculty and talk with Peace students.

Questions about the Open House, or about the Queen of Peace High School, may be directed to Ms. Annerino at (708) 458-7600, Extension 292.

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by Kathy Whirity

The Not So Perfect Mother

In my lifetime I have been called many names but, as my kids will be the first to tell you, 'perfect mother' is definitely not one of them. I am reminded of this everytime simple arguments turn into a battle of wills with teenage daughters who, of course, know EVERYTHING about everything -- so stupid of me not to know. It hasn't always been like this and I've got proof.

The other day while sorting through the odd assortment of important 'keeper' items a mother saves in her top drawer, I came across a somewhat tattered Hallmark card given to me by my youngest daughter, Katie.

Katie wasn't quite 5 years old, that long ago summer's evening, when she returned from Walgreen's proudly clutching a card she picked out to surprise her mommy with, while out running errands with her dad. Usually it was a candy bar she'd bring home especially for me but that night, for whatever reason, she chose a greeting card. It had a bright, bold, aqua-green background, with a shocking pink, smiling heart on the front. Inside, the card spoke the sentiments of my toothless little cutie, who stood there while I opened it, with a grin from ear to ear. The message, "You Make My Heart Smile," had me bursting with pride. I felt like Sally Field that night she won the Oscar. Children love their parents unconditionally, but that night I hugged my little angel and thought to myself, 'you like me, you really like me!'

Those were the days of sticky chocolate kisses and the kind of pint sized hugs that can still be felt long after children are grown. I miss the days when motherhood was enjoyed in its most pure and simplest form.

Katie is a teenager now, preoccupied with her upcoming high school graduation, while counting the days till a college campus will be her place of residence.

Recently, Bill and I received a homemade card, from her, for our 24th wedding anniversary -- a week after the happy occasion. It's sentiment was also simple: "SORRY, DIDN'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO BUY YOU A CARD, HOPE YOU HAD FUN ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY." No smiley faces, not one X or O.

At this stage of the blame game, I find myself wondering if I've done too much for my children or not enough. I know that no matter what the answer may be, there's no room for second chances.

There was a time when the thought of them leaving home was almost too much to bear. But that was long before the teen years turned our home into Grand Central Station. As I finish folding the umpteenth load of laundry, there's a part of me that's looking forward to the chance to miss them.

Soon Katie will be trying out her wings of independence, and I can only hope I've helped to make her flight a safe and smooth one. As a 'not so perfect' mom I know I've made mistakes -- but in the business of parenting, nobody is keeping score. And I know my good intentions must've counted for something. If ever I'm in doubt, I've got the tattered remnants of a Hallmark card, with a big smiley heart, to prove it.

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Moraine Valley Community College will welcome one of the world's oldest musical organizations, the Vienna Choir Boys, to perform in its Fine and Performing Arts Center this fall.

The performance on Sunday, November 12, at 3:00 p.m. will take place in the Dorothy Menker Theater, located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$20 for seniors and students.

Established in 1498 by imperial decree of the Habsburg Emperor Maximilian I, the Vienna Choir Boys was founded to sing sacred music for the monarchy in the Imperial Chapel. From its inception, the ensemble attracted Europe's foremost singers, composers, and teachers, including Franz Schubert and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

The Vienna Choir Boys now tours extensively on five

continents and performs a broad repertoire that ranges from sacred music and oratorios to operettas, traditional Viennese waltzes, and folk songs from around the world. The internationally renowned ensemble presently consists of four separate groups of 24 members each so that at least one choir remains in Vienna to sing Sunday mass at the Imperial Chapel, just as they have every week since their founding.

For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500. For news

media inquiries, call Marianne Bisby, public relations specialist, at (708) 974-5281.



St. Laurence youth basketball coaches clinic

St. Laurence High School, Burbank, will host its seventh annual youth basketball coaches clinic on Saturday evening, November 18, from

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The speakers will be Mr. Tom Pallardy, long time Viking head basketball coach, and other members of the Laurence basketball coaching staff. Participants will learn both defensive and offensive practice routines and suggestions, and have their questions answered. All drills and techniques will be demonstrated by student athletes on the current cage squad.

The cost is just \$5.00 per coach, if you register before November 16. It is \$10.00 at the door. Coaches can register their entire coaching staff for the low price of \$20.00.

To make a reservation, or for more information, please contact the St. Laurence basketball office at 708-458-6900, extension 255.

Little Company to offer parish nursing program

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers will host a meeting on Thursday, November 16th for all registered nurses interested in parish nursing, a health promotion, disease prevention role based on the care of the whole person.

Please join Joan Klein, R.N., M.S., from St. Xavier University and parish nurse for St. Christina's Parish, as she facilitates this program on the roles of a parish nurse in this rapidly growing specialty area of nursing from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Mary Potter Physicians Pavilion, 2850 W. 95th St., Meeting Room B.

Parish nurses place great emphasis on the spiritual aspect of care. Practice occurs within a faith community. Parish nurses provide a vital link between health care and the community and can be a valuable resource to the homebound.

Refreshments will be served. To make reservations, please call (708) 229-5400.

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Palos Hills Park Department offers Holiday Craft Classes

A variety of Craft classes for children and adults are being offered this fall by the Palos Hills Park Department including:

Trim-A-Tree
(Homemade ornaments):
Tuesdays, November 28-December 19, 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Ages 8-10 years old. Cost for

residents is \$30, non-residents \$35.

Organizing Yesterday
(Creating a memory book with photos):

Mondays, November 6-December 18, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Ages 14 years old and older.
Cost for residents is \$35; non-residents \$40.

Christmas is in the Air
(Create a holiday centerpiece & learn creative & inexpensive ideas for Holiday tables):

Friday, December 1, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Ages 18 years old and older. Cost for residents is \$25, non-residents \$30.

The Perfect Gift
(Make inexpensive practical gifts for the holidays):

Friday, November 10, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Ages 14 years old and older. Cost for residents is \$23, non-residents \$28.

Forever Flowers
(Create silk floral arrangements):

Tuesdays, November 7- November 28, 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Ages 14 years old and older. Cost for residents is \$17, non-residents \$22.

Register in advance at the Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd St. For information call (708)430-4500.

It is only a moment here and a moment there that the greatest writer has.

—Robert Frost

Oak Lawn Community Church

The Oak Lawn Community Church at 9000 S. Ridgeland Avenue will hold their annual Two Penny social on Saturday, November 11th from 6:00-8:30 p.m. There will be hundreds of prizes raffled off by the end of the evening. There is no entrance fee. Food will be available, as well as a Bake Table. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 for 100 tickets. It will be a fun night of socializing with a chance to walk away with some treasures. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Drawings will begin at 7:00 p.m. For more information you may call the church office at 708/599-4025.

Palos Hills offers paint ball for teens

On Veterans Day, Friday, November 10, Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering a Teen Paint Ball Trip.

The bus will leave the Palos Hills Park Department at 9:00 a.m. and will return approximately 5:00 p.m. For ages 12-18 years old.

The fee is \$30 per person and includes transportation, admission, pump gun, 200 rounds of paint balls & safety goggles. Register now at the Park Department located at 8455 W. 103rd St. For information call (708)430-4500.

St. Mary of the Sea

The St. Mary Star of the Sea On Track Singles group will hold a general meeting on Monday, December 4, 2000, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Duggan Hall at 6435 S. Kilbourn in Chicago.

On Track Singles is open to all single men and women age 21 and over who have never been married, are divorced, or are widowed. For more information contact Lucy at (773) 778-8239 or John at (773) 585-8242.

The League of Women Voters to hear about Election Results from local Congress

The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland will hear from two local members of Congress on results of the November 7th election. Representative Judy Biggert from the 13th Congressional District and Representative William Lipinski from the 3rd Congressional District will give their perspective on how the election results will affect the future.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, November 11th at 9:30 a.m. at the Palos Heights Recreation Center located at 6601 W. 127th Street. The public is invited to join the League for this meeting. Coffee will be served at 9:00 a.m. For more information, please call Mema Trotter at (708) 532-0184.



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National Defense Month

The Swallow Cliff Chapter DAR, Palos Heights wish to announce their month long observance of National Defense. This observance begins with a Veteran's Day observance at the eternal flame at Worth and traditional Veteran's Day on November 11, 2000.

Swallow Cliff Chapter is a Korean War Commemorative Chapter designated by the Department of Defense. On November 18, 2000 Retired Colonel John Buckley from Chicago will be their featured speaker and guest. He will be presenting his recollections from the Chosin Reservoir in Korea in 1950.

His wife, Patricia, is an Ex-Regent from the Chicago Chapter DAR. The meeting will be held at the Palos Heights Recreation Center at 1:00 p.m. Any questions may be directed to Gwen at (708) 598-5552 or Gloria (708) 423-1323.

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The Beverly Theater Guild

(Left front to right front) Stephanie Larmon, Jennifer Taylor, Debbie Semene, Molloy Rourke, Diana Slager and Scott Slager prepare for their scene from the classic comedy "Cheaper By The Dozen" from the Beverly Theatre Guild's opening production of their 38th season, "Broadway Magic II, Lullaby of Broadway," a musical and theatrical revue written by guild members. The first show of the 2000-2001 season will be presented for two weekends: Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 p.m. and Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11 at 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, November 12 at 2:00 p.m. The show will be presented at the Beverly Arts Center, 2153 W. 111th Street, Chicago. Phone (312) 409-2705 for tickets or buy them at the Art Center, \$16 per adult, \$14 per senior citizen or student, with group rates available.

Beverly Theatre Guild's 'Broadway Magic II, Lullaby of Broadway'

The Beverly Theatre Guild will open its 38th season of theater with a special production, "Broadway Magic II, Lullaby of Broadway," an original music, dance and theatrical revue written by Guild members, Dan Murphy (Darien), and Melissa McGuire (Evergreen Park).

Dan and Melissa are also co-directing the show while Terri Lenz Zang (Evergreen Park), and Cassie Dawe (Oak Lawn), Tom Fagan (Oak Lawn), and Mary Beth Murphy (Darien), choreograph.

The show features both old and new musical and dance production numbers along with scenes from non musicals. Some of the featured songs include, "It Only Takes a Moment," from *Hello Dolly*, "Trouble" from *Music Man*, "Anything You Can Do" from *Annie Get Your Gun*, "Lullaby of Broadway" from *42nd Street*, and from more recent shows: "Little People" from *Les Miserables*, "A Lady's Maid" from *Titanic*, and "Wheels of A Dream" from *Ragtime*.

In addition, scenes from non musicals like "You Can't Take It With You," "Cheaper By the Dozen," "Inherit The Wind," "Bus Stop," and "The Rain-

maker" will be staged. The show will be presented for two weekends at the Beverly Art Center, 2153 W. 111th Street, Chicago, on Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 p.m. and Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 12 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Art Center, or call (312) 409-2705. \$16 per adult, \$14 per senior citizen or student, with group rates available.

Glenn Hering and Debbie Semene produce the show and cast includes, Anna Austin, Mary Kate Bansley, Norma Flynn, Sara Ketchum, Dan Dillon, Monica Marshall, John Nuemann, Lindsey Raya, Molly Rourke, Sarah Sienkiewicz, Wayne Wendell, Yvonne Wilson, Lula Blake, Kim Brines, Charles Kay, Erin Kennealy, Julie Zebleckis, David Brodsky, Mark Dillon, Stephanie Lamon, Steve McGuire, Tom Moran, Dick Seaman, Jennifer Taylor, Kiera Vizza, Cheri Woyner, Calina Byrd, Marty Donovan, Laura Milnes, Mary Shem-Walters, Catherine, Eileen and Susie Stachniak, Jaclyn Curtis, Anthony Echuz, Susie

Giampaolo, Kristel Flynn, Eric Hawrysz, Laurie Videla Krizka, Daniel Riley, Bonnie Ryniec, Kathy Holahan, Regina Sobreville, Julie Gurrister, Debbie Semene, Kaitlin Fleharty, Brad Kisner, Stephen and Kathy Miller, Laura Prosser, Gabriela Matthews, and Diana and Scott Slager. This is truly a show for all ages and theatrical tastes.

McAuley Alum recognized

Mary Clare Lynch '82 was recently recognized as a *Distinguished Alumni* at Saint Xavier University's Homecoming 2000. Mary Clare has worked tirelessly at Mother McAuley High School for five years as Director of Service Learning, providing students with guidance, evaluation and reflection as they learn through service.

Mary Clare and her students have provided food for the homeless, support for the elderly in nursing homes, labor for Habitat for Humanity, assistance in homeless shelters and for people with disabilities, and tutoring of students in a variety of settings. Beyond her work with students, Mary Clare offers at least three days per week after school, at least two Saturdays or

Sundays per month, and three weeks of vacation time per year to personal service within the community.

In addition, she serves at Little Company of Mary Hospital as a Liturgical Minister and on the Women's Wellness Team coordinating and implementing wellness seminars.

Mary Clare has truly integrated her personal and professional life with service to the community and the Mother McAuley High School Community congratulates her on this award.

Santa's Room at Worth Township

Santa's Room will be open beginning December 4 through December 8 and December 11 through December 15. Children can stop in and visit Santa anytime during the hours of 3:30 p.m. through 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 through 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at Worth Township, 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip.

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Lance Brown to perform a tribute to Will Rogers

Tickets are on sale now for a one night only performance of Lance Brown's Tribute to Will Rogers, to be held Tuesday, November 7, at Lewis University's Philip Lynch Theatre. Tickets are \$10, and advance reservations are recommended.

The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Philip Lynch Theatre, located on the main campus of Lewis University on Route 53 in Romeoville. For tickets, or reservations, call (815) 836-5500 Monday through Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All Arts and Ideas events are partially sponsored by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

Lance Brown's Tribute to Will Rogers is a journey into the American experience. Actor/musician Lance Brown plays and sings cowboy songs and Roaring 20's music as a backdrop to Roger's life story. He moves in and out of character, making Rogers accessible to audience members of all ages. In one moment he is a historian and storyteller and in the next he is the rope twirling

cowboy philosopher himself.

Will Rogers was born in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) in 1879. He came from a life rooted in the Old West and became one of the most prominent citizens of his day. Noted for his gentle humor and homespun philosophy, Rogers skewered the rich and powerful and they loved it. Unlike many comedians and commentators today, Rogers had a friendly approach. As Brown likes to say, "He had this gentle way of kidding you. He'd heard you laughing real good. And once you were laughing...he'd tell you the truth."

Brown has traveled the country performing his

"Tribute" for over a decade. Drawing on these experiences, in 1997, he wrote a book aptly titled, "On the Road with Will Rogers." In it he chronicles how Will Rogers' wit and wisdom still connect with modern society. Rogers might still say, "Folks, I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts" or "With all our elected men doing comedy, I don't see much of a chance for a comedian to make a livin' these days."

Pick-up basketball games in Palos Hills

Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is offering Men's Pick-up Hoops on Sundays until December 17, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ages 18 years and older are welcome.

Fee for residents is \$35, non-residents \$40. Register now at the Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd St. For information call (708) 430-0128.

Turkey Shoot-Out in Palos Hills

Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is having the annual Turkey Shoot-Out on Saturday, November 11 at 1:00 p.m. First grade and up are welcome to participate. Shoot for points and maybe win a turkey.

There is no charge and no advance registration required. The Park Department is located at 8455 W. 103rd St. For information call (708) 430-4500.

Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau Orientation

New and prospective members of the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau are invited to attend a Bureau Orientation on Tuesday, November 14, 2000, at 8:30 a.m. at the Bureau offices, 2304 173rd Street, Lansing, Illinois.

According to Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau President/CEO Jim Garrett, the orientation is designed to give new and prospective members a quick overview of the mission, function, services and benefits of Bureau membership, and outline how tourism affects virtually every sector of the Chicago Southland economy.

"Visitors to the area and those attending meetings, seminars, and sporting events affect a wide variety of businesses, from

hotels and motels to restaurants, attractions, car rental agencies, service stations, and retailers," said Garrett. "It's a trickle down effect that injects dollars into the Chicago Southland economy."

The orientation lasts approximately 30 to 40 minutes and is followed by a question and answer period. A continental breakfast will be served, and the entire program should be completed in approximately an hour.

New and prospective members interested in attending the free orientation to learn more about the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau are asked to confirm their attendance by Monday, November 13, at (708) 895-8200.

Marshall Fields lunch and Holiday Shopping trip

Palos Hills Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to downtown Chicago for shopping and lunch at the Walnut Room Restaurant on Thursday, November 16.

Transportation will leave the Park Department at 10:15 a.m. and return at 6:30 p.m. The fee is \$30 (includes transportation and lunch).

Register in advance at the Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd St. For information call (708) 430-4500.

Woodcrafting class at the Palos Hills Park Dept.

A woodcrafting class is being offered by the Palos Hills Park Department on Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., starting November 9th and running through December 21. Ages 18 years and older are welcome. Fee for residents is \$45, non-residents is \$50 (wood is included). Register in advance at the Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd St. For information call (708) 430-4500.



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Radogno, Lyons and Pucinski crack down on child-support deadbeats

State Senator Christine Radogno (R-LaGrange) and State rep. Eileen Lyons (R-Western Springs) are teaming up with Cook County Circuit Clerk Aurelia Pucinski to crack down on the worst child-support deadbeats.

Pucinski has asked Radogno and Lyons to sponsor legislation that will simplify a new law that allows the Circuit Clerk of each Illinois county to publish the names of parents who are delinquent in their court-ordered child support by more than \$10,000 or have not paid in more than 3 months.

"Enforcement of child-support orders is a big problem in Illinois," Pucinski said. "This kind of legislation will help us apply much needed pressure to the thousands of 'deadbeats' in our state who are in arrears on their child support payments."

As of January 1998, Illinois law allows the names of child-support deadbeats to be published by the Circuit Clerk, but a loophole allows judges to easily rule against the publication request.

"Clerk Pucinski told me as the law was written, it is difficult to get judges to approve the publication of the names," Radogno said. "What we are proposing is legislation that will allow the Circuit Court Clerk to file an affidavit in court that will give him or her the authority to publicize the names. We are sending a strong message that parents must meet their court-ordered financial responsibilities for their children."

Pucinski said that there are 91,000 parents with active child support orders that have "never paid a dime"; however, this change would only impact 16,000 parents who

are either \$10,000 or three months behind in child-support payments.

"It is almost inconceivable to consider the numbers we are dealing with -- to find out that there are that many deadbeats in Cook County alone," Lyons said. "Illinois law already addresses the publication of their names. What we are proposing is to close a loophole and make it easier for Circuit Clerks to make this information public."

The two legislators say the concept of publishing the names of delinquent payers has had some success on the state level. The Illinois Department of Revenue has found that since implementing a similar law in January 1999, that it has collected \$17.5 million in delinquent taxes, and established payment plans for an additional \$15.4 million.

Breakfast with the Animals at the Shedd Aquarium

Begin your Saturday morning by watching the underwater world of the Shedd Aquarium come to life. Shedd's popular "Breakfast with the Animals" program will feature a different animal on November 11 and 18.

The special early morning program gives Shedd guests an exciting opportunity to see the animals as they wake up for their day. Guests can meet the Aquarium's animal trainers and learn about that day's featured animal. After-

ward, enjoy a tasty breakfast buffet of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pastries and fruit.

Featured animals are Sea Otters on the 11th and Amazon animals on the 18th.

Breakfasts begin at 8 a.m. Each program also offers a craft project for kids, such as creating fun fish hats, puppets and more!

Tickets are \$25 for children 3-11 and seniors; \$30 for adults. Children ages 2 and under are admitted free.

Members are \$25 for adults and \$20 for children ages 3-11 and seniors. To make a reservation, contact the Shedd Aquarium at (312) 692-3333. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted, reservations are non-refundable.

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Peace students on the road to college

Queen of Peace juniors are wasting no time investigating college options!

Pictured are Kathy Cislo (Burbank), Aleksandra Wojda (Willow Springs) and Lisa Wittleder (Oak Lawn) at a recent college night hosted by the school. Peace students, along with their St. Laurence neighbors, took advantage of the opportunity to meet and discuss their college plans with representative from colleges throughout the United States.

Then on October 17, Queen of Peace seniors enjoyed yet another opportunity to further define their college plans or to complete any unfinished college application requirements. October 17 is set aside for all-school testing in schools throughout the area, and seniors are exempt from standardized testing on this day. Queen of Peace took advantage of this time to provide an additional college workshop for all seniors.

"While I understand that our seniors would appreciate a day off," explained career advisor Therese Haskins (Beverly), "they truly benefit from an opportunity to focus their attention on their college plans. And so, while they may have missed out on a trip to the mall, the time spent at the College Workshop was time well spent."

The College Workshop featured a speaker on financial aid who focused specifically on how financial aid helps make a private college education affordable; a speaker on careers in computer science and information technology; as well as representatives from colleges throughout the Midwest. Queen of Peace alumnae returned to Peace to answer questions about campus life, and the Queen of Peace college counselor reviewed college applications and essays.

"The feedback I get from seniors affirms the value of this day," said Haskins. "The members of the Class of 2001 are eager to know that their college plans are set. Last year, the class of 2000 achieved 100 percent college acceptance. I am confident that this class will meet that same goal."

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THE CHICAGO RIDGE FIREFIGHTERS UNION LOCAL 3098



Pictured left to right is Chief Randall Grosse, Firefighter Scott Durling and Lt. Mark Hoffmeister

Children learn how to survive fires

by: Jude Coyle

The purpose of the Chicago Ridge Fire Department Smoke House is to teach school children how to escape a fire. "By fifth grade," Firefighter Rick Hoppenrath explained, "A kid should have been through the smoke house five times." They should know by then that they must 'get low and go', during a fire. "The Smoke House brings it home, makes it fun."

It is an impressive contraption. Inside a compact trailer, one finds two floors. On the main floor, is a livingroom with a fake fireplace, and a kitchen with a fully functioning frig, range and microwave. Upstairs is a bedroom and balcony. An outside ladder serves as an escape from the balcony. Smoke can be pumped through every room in the trailer to simulate conditions of a fire. "This way they can experience the full gambit," Firefighter Rick explained. The trailer is fully heated, air conditioned, and has its own generator.

The Smoke House visits Chicago Ridge's schools in October, which is Fire Prevention Month. "We learned by trial and error," Firefighter Rick explained. Pre-K kids are too young. They're frightened by the smoke and the commotion. By the time they reach kindergarten, they're usually ready for this. During the year, it is open at RidgeFest, and a Salute to Ridge Kids.

The idea originated in 1995, with Firefighter Jim Catemino, and is sponsored by the Professional Fire Fighters Local # 3098. He and Firefighter Rick formed a committee to seek funding. "Chief Grosse wants to be sure that the residents of Chicago Ridge get the credit for this," Firefighter Rick explained. "We wanted the best of the best, and we got it." Firefighters sold raffle tickets throughout the Village. "We raised a lot of money that way." Children donated pennies, nickles and quarters at school. Firefighter Chris Schmelzer proudly displayed a plaque showing

ing all the names of the individuals and organizations who donated over \$500. Mayor Siegel, the Village Board, the Park District, The RidgeFest Committee, the Worth/Chicago Ridge Chamber of Commerce, Worth Bank, the Chicago Ridge Mall, Pulver Systems, Cub Scout Pack 3665, CR Senior Citizens Club, George and Cecelia Tokar, the Students of Ridge Lawn, Ridge Central, and Our Lady of the Ridge, the Worth Lyons Club and The Bridgeview Fire Fighters Union are listed. In all, residents donated \$30,000.

According to Firefighter Rick, no statistics have been gathered, nor has anyone asked fire victims if the Smoke House has helped. "This is a positive experience," he explained. "It has to help."

When you jump for joy
beware that no one
moves the ground from
beneath your feet.
—Stanislaw Lec

O'Malley: Rick Ryan demonstrates clear pattern of deceit and distortion

State Senator Patrick J. O'Malley called upon his opponent, Rick Ryan, to put an end to his attempt to deceive the voters of the 18th District. "His style of campaign is a disservice to the voters. I believe candidates like Rick Ryan are one of the principal reasons the American public is turned off by the political process," O'Malley said.

"Rick Ryan has shown his willingness to say or do anything to get elected," O'Malley said. "His claims are clearly beyond the typical exaggeration we see in campaigns. Rick Ryan has demonstrated a clear pattern of attempting to deceive the voters -- through distortions of my record, inaccurate reporting of the facts and a callous disregard for the truth."

Ryan and his campaign mailed literature this week that distorts the facts surrounding the enactment of the state's Truth-in-Sentencing law. The mail piece also includes a facsimile of a Chicago Tribune article falsely claiming the story appeared in August of 2000. Previous Ryan mailers doctored official transcripts of debate in the Illinois Senate.

"It's apparent that from the inception of his campaign, Rick Ryan intended to try to

deceive voters," O'Malley said, "but the campaign literature mailed to voters yesterday removes any doubt."

"To allege that I and the other 176 members of the General Assembly would write legislation that would let criminals go free is absurd," O'Malley said. "And Rick Ryan knows it."

"The General Assembly passed a tough Truth-in-Sentencing law that I sponsored in 1995 in order to ensure murderers, sexual predators and other violent offenders serve their sentence in prison," O'Malley said. "The law passed nearly unanimously in both chambers, with the co-sponsorship of

truth in sentencing. The bill also had the support of Republican Tom Dart (D-Chicago) who chairs the House Judiciary I committee and Senator Carl Hawkinson (R-Galesburg) who chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee and is a Supreme Court nominee."

As a pre-emptive measure, O'Malley and Rep. Jim Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) sponsored and passed legislation (Public Act 90-592) to immediately re-enact the truth-in-sentencing provisions. In 1999, when the Supreme Court upheld the appellate decision, the opinion cited O'Malley's legislation as the appropriate re-



numerous legislators, including former Democrat Senator Thomas Dunn, who is now a Circuit Judge and Democrat Senator Penny Severns, who passed away following a hard fought battle with breast cancer."

However, years later it became clear that an appellate judge was willing to throw out the benefits of this tough anti-crime law on a technicality, ignoring the will of the 158 legislators -- including Senate Democrat Leader Emil Jones and House Speaker Michael Madigan -- who voted for

sponse. "... Public Act 90-592 truly served to cure the effect that the former act's invalidation had on the truth-in-sentencing law...Public Act 90-592 recodified the truth-in-sentencing legislation in its entirety." Due to O'Malley's quick response, the effect of the court ruling was severely limited. Public Act 90-592 stands as law today, ensuring that sex offenders and violent criminals serve 85% of their prison sentences and that murderers must serve 100% of their terms.

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Oak Lawn Board approves plans with The Frega Group for additions on the Village Municipal Center

By: F.J. Soczek

Acting upon a recommendation by Village Manager Joseph Faber, the Oak Lawn Board of Trustees approved a contract with The Frega Group to provide preliminary plans for an addition to the Village Municipal Center.

In a memo dated November 8, 2000 Faber noted "the Village has already received a \$50,000 state grant for this purpose."

Faber further explained, "The Frega Group was asked for this proposal because of their prior work on our Municipal Center."

According to published reports, the \$23,500 expenditure is but a fraction of the total architectural and design expense projected for the addition, which will be used by the police department.

According to a proposal prepared by John Frega, the engineering study includes: Meeting with the Police Department and the Village Representatives to develop a program; checking the existing soil data and construction drawings relative to a new addition; preparing a schematic layout of the programmed space; preparing a preliminary study of the exterior view of the addition; preparing a preliminary cost estimate and submitting drawings and data for Village review and approval.

There is no mention in the Faber memo of any public competitive bid solicitation as required by law for contracts of this magnitude.

In unrelated matters, a

Labor Agreement was finalized between the Village and the Emergency Telecommunicators/Detention aides. A 3% salary increase is included in the agreement.

Village Attorney Thomas Bayer provided a revision of the Village Ethics Ordinance, with "minor revisions" and references to the primary State statutes that apply to Municipal officials and employees.

The revised ordinance ~~repeals~~ provisions of the State Gift Ban Act, as well as a section that "mandates a review of ethics ordinances of other communities, as well as citizen recommendations."

Recommendations to the Village Board for possible amendment will be based on the latter review.

The Code of Ethics Policy Statement states:

"It is the policy of the village that, in all cases, its elected and appointed officials, employees and board, commission and committee members perform their duties for the benefit of the citizens of the Village.

"They shall conduct the government of the Village with integrity and impartiality, without allowing prejudice, favoritism or the opportunity for personal gain to influence their decisions or actions or to interfere with serving the public interest."

The Village of Oak Lawn Holiday celebration is scheduled for Saturday, November 25th, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on the Village

Green

A Mini-Holiday parade from the Police Department to the Gazebo will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Santa Claus will arrive with the parade and be available for pictures and children's requests. Make sure to bring your camera!

The hospitality tent will feature face painters, a magician and carols sung by a choir. Cookies and cocoa will be served.

You may also enjoy a horse and carriage ride, compliments of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce.

The traditional *Love Lights a Tree Ceremony*, which benefits the American Cancer Society, will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Progress on Local Road Improvements

Work is proceeding on two important road and bridge improvement projects in the 18th District, according to State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park).

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has awarded a \$18.3 million contract for the second stage of work on Illinois 50 at 127th Street and I-294. The project includes reconstruction of the interchange and rehabilitation of the bridge.

"The long overdue reconfiguration of the intersection where 127th Street,

Cicero Avenue and the Tri-State Tollway coverage has been a priority of mine since I first went to Springfield," O'Malley said. "By working with Alsip Mayor Arnie Andrews, Crestwood Mayor Chet Stranczek, the Southwest Conference of Mayors, the Metro Southwest Alliance, Congressman Bill Lipinski and the Illinois Department of Transportation, we brought pressure on state Transportation officials to address Illinois' most dangerous intersection with more than a 'band-aid' solution. When I started, this project was not a sure thing, but with the cooperation of local, state and federal officials and many years of hard work, this massive road improvement project is now well under way."

Working with Palos Heights officials, Senator O'Malley also initiated an agreement with IDOT to provide guardrails for a project along Harlem Avenue in Palos Heights. The Department has agreed to sell 2,700 lineal feet of surplus steel plate beam guardrail from State stock to City Officials at a greatly reduced price. Under the agreement, the guardrail would be installed and maintained by the City.



(NAPS)—The luau tradition is alive and well at resorts throughout Hawaii, featuring dynamic song and dance presentations and a mouth-watering array of delicacies. For free brochures and information on luaus in Hawaii, call (800) 22-ALOHA.



Chamber of Commerce Staff Assistant Jeannette Howell; Navy Petty Officers 2nd Class Michelle Webvale and James Stephens; Chamber of Commerce Director Joan Kennedy.

With a Little Help From My Friends

by Frank Soczek

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce is sporting a fresh new look for the Holidays, thanks to the generosity of a handful of concerned "friends" and local businesses.

Oak Lawn Chamber administrator Joan Kennedy coordinated the effort, along with the help of staffer Jeannette Howell.

Enthusiastic helpers from the U.S. Navy recruiting office at 95th & Ridgeland were "commissioned" to assist with the moving of office equipment, desks and file cabinets, which were relocated to a mobile temporary storage facility (MTSF.) Remember, we're dealing with the military here!

The MTSF is known in civilian vernacular as a moving truck, donated gratis by Budget Rent-A-Car.

Even the Village of Oak Lawn *gendarmes* appeared to look the other way as the

MTSF parked momentarily on busy 95th street!

A sparkling coat of white paint was provided by Pete Volakakis, courtesy of Gene Mondello and Geno's Decorating of Oak Lawn.

Paul Wisnowski of Carpet Interiors graciously donated the fine new carpeting.

A special thanks goes out to James Stephens, Petty Officer Second Class and Michelle Webvale, Petty Officer Second Class for their meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty.

James and Michelle are recruiters in charge at the Navy recruiting station.

Also Jeannette Howell, a recruiter in her own right who "convinced" her husband Kevin of his "duty" to assist the Chamber.

Special thanks are also extended to James Buschbach, of Buschbach Insurance, whose perennial generosity to the Village can never be repaid.

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Palos Park Commissioners discuss Dells area sidewalk issues

By: F.J. Soczek

Palos Park Commissioners encouraged public comments concerning the possible removal or repair of several sidewalks located in the Dells area of the Village.

It was acknowledged many of the sidewalks situated sporadically throughout the Dells area were in a serious state of disrepair. At issue was whether to remove the sidewalks or repair the areas thought to be hazardous.

Public opinion was clearly divided. While some residents advocated complete removal, others urged Village officials to correct the deficiencies due to frequent use by children and bicycle riders.

It was estimated the cost to remove and replace sidewalks near twelve residential properties would be \$60,000, Commissioner Gregory Meeder noted.

"It is possible to get a grant to fund 80 percent of that cost," Meeder added. "But there is no guarantee the money will be awarded."

One resident expressed frustrations over the efficacy of crumbling sidewalks on her property that "lead to nowhere."

It is not uncommon to find a lack of continuity involving the sidewalks in question. Some begin and end after traversing the span of a solitary property.

Another resident, Marjorie Gilbert noted "drops" as severe as seven inches in sections of sidewalk on her property. "It's dangerous and should be removed. I walk in the streets because the sidewalks are so badly damaged. People don't use my sidewalks."

Another group of residents circulated a petition urging the Village to repair, rather than remove the sidewalks.

Commissioner Meeder explained, "Palos Park does not have sidewalks-except for the area around the Metra station."

While considering the cost to completely replace the damaged sidewalks prohibitive, the Commissioners resolved to repair the sections considered unsafe.

In addition, a non-functional section of sidewalk located at 12315-12321 Seminole would be totally removed, along with a decorative bridge at 12315 Mohawk, due to its state of

disrepair and possible safety liability.

An ad hoc committee of residents will be formed to address long term needs of the area.

Palos Park resident John Rogers was awarded the Studs Terkel Humanitarian Award for his efforts in preserving documents and artifacts relating to the early history to Palos Park.

The beautiful bronze medallion acknowledged Rogers' 3 years of fastidious devotion to maintaining a tangible legacy for future generations.

Commissioner Carolyn Baca suggested the investigation of an optional *Emergency I.D.* bracelet program for residents with special conditions or health problems.

Baca explained a pilot program utilizing bracelets that would contain potentially life-saving documentation would offer a head start to emergency medical responders in the event of an accident or illness.

The bracelets, marked with a confidential number, would give the name of a relative, doctor or specific medication.

Baca noted only the police and fire department would have access to the private information.

Commissioner James Madden announced a recent audit of Village finances was conducted and a favorable report was presented.

Madden stated the Village maintained a \$200,000 surplus out of a total 3 million dollar total budget.

Explaining the surplus money could provide "an extra 3-4 months of 'rainy day' funding to operate the Village in the event of an emergency," Madden said his ultimate goal is to establish a surplus of at least 35 to 40 percent of the operating budget.

Residents may examine a copy of the financial audit in the library or Village Hall.

Mayor Jean Moran announced a Property Tax Appeal seminar conducted by Maureen Murphy will be held Tuesday, December 5th at 7p.m. in the Village Council room.

The mayor noted "most have had success" with their property tax appeals as a result of the free seminar.

All great art is the work of the whole living creature, body and soul, and chiefly of the soul.

—John Ruskin

Officials discuss school area traffic safety

By: F.J. Soczek

Following a lengthy discussion, Worth Village Trustees tentatively approved a plan to address the issue of pedestrian safety in the area immediately surrounding School District 127.

Five Trustees (Sharon Wierenga absent) unanimously concurred a traffic-direction restriction would be the quickest and most cost effective "short term" solution to growing concerns over pedestrian safety adjacent District 127 at 112th Street and New England.

Numerous parents and a school official in the audience reiterated the need for addressing the issue of increased vehicular traffic in an area void of viable sidewalks or walkways.

Trustee Mark Meany presented a report following an in-person investigation of the problem area, focusing primarily on New England and Oak Park Avenues.

Meany noted the concern was most acute in a two and one half to three block span on the latter two streets, which are heavily congregated with students traveling to and from school. He also explained the groups of students disperse significantly in areas beyond these focus areas.

Several options were considered as "short term" solutions since complex design and engineering evaluations would be required due to the drainage ditches running parallel to proposed walkway construction areas.

The initial suggestion was to widen the street several feet to allow additional room for pedestrian traffic. This idea was quickly dismissed when it was noted the additional space would only encourage automobiles to travel faster on the already congested streets.

It was also mentioned the additional space would tend to encourage even more parking in areas where it is currently "prohibited."

Another option considered involved creating a narrow "pathway" constructed of gravel or asphalt parallel the residential side of the existing drainage ditch.

Difficulties with main-

tenance and snow removal over gravel surfaces appeared to be the biggest obstacles to this alternative.

Chandra-Shekhar Trivedi, P.E., a consulting engineer from Robinson Engineering, Ltd., explained a regulation size sidewalk (5 feet across) located between residential property and the drainage ditch would be the optimal long-term solution.

"Sidewalks are ideally placed as far away from the road as possible," Trivedi noted. A three-foot path would be detrimental to the safety of the school children, who frequently travel in groups.

"Kids do not normally walk single-file like Army people do," Trivedi noted.

Installation of a guard rail was also considered and quickly dismissed due to cost and possible governmental restrictions.

Engineer Trivedi cautioned, "The use of motor-tax dollars needs Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) approval, and they (IDOT) will probably have serious questions (regarding guard rail installation.)"

Mayor James Bilder announced he was working with State Representative Maggie Crotty to change the wording of a recently received \$75,000 grant to include "walkway" improvement.

The legal language of the State grant currently limits allocating the money for "street use."

After discussing the significant cost considerations involving re-engineering drainage ditches, possible private property encroachment and improved street lighting, the Board quickly approved a suggestion by Trustee John O'Connell to restrict traffic on New England Ave. to one-way during school hours.

While traffic on Oak Park Ave. will remain unchanged, New England

Ave. will have one-way restrictions during school hours, 7-9 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

In addition, No Stopping or Standing signs will be installed, along with concerted police enforcement.

Mayor Bilder stressed the urgency of the motion and stated he hoped to see the new regulatory signs installed the day following the formal Board of Trustees' adoption of the ordinance.

Bilder noted publication of the action would be accomplished through the Village newsletter and flyers passed out at the school.

Wisconsin Travel Planning Guide Showcases The State

(NAPS)—To help travelers locate the world's largest carousel, the National Railroad Museum, a 143-foot-long musky, Frank Lloyd Wright's latest creation, America's largest water park and NFL summer training camps, the Wisconsin Department of Tourism has created the Wisconsin Travel Guide.

The new, 96-page guide showcases Wisconsin destinations and more than 400 attractions in a full-color, user-friendly format that includes regional maps. The guide divides the state in six regions: Great Lakes, Northwoods, Hometown Central, Southern Wonders, Mississippi River and City Life, and explores the cities and attractions in each.

"The guide was designed to help travelers plan a Wisconsin vacation," Wisconsin Department of Tourism Secretary Moose Speros said. "In addition to area and attraction information covering virtually every corner of Wisconsin, there are great ideas on how to plan a family, romantic, heritage and adventure vacation in the state."

For free Wisconsin travel planning guides, including the Wisconsin Travel Guide, the public can call the state's 24-hour hot line, 1-800-432-TRIP/8747. Travel information is also on the state's Web site (<http://tourism.state.wi.us>).

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Art imitates life: Cinderella story of 'My Fair Lady'

Rockton Productions and Pheasant Run Director/Producer of Entertainment, Diana L. Martinez, proudly announces the 2000-01 production of Lerner and Loewe's "My Fair Lady." Martinez will head the production as artistic director, producer and designer, but hired guest director, Brad Lyons, to direct the actors into her vision of Lerner and Loewe's heart warming and humorous classic.

"My Fair Lady" tells the story of flower girl, Eliza Doolittle, and her transformation into London's fairest lady under Professor Henry Higgins' instruction. Pheasant Run's version highlights an important aspect of their onstage relationship, namely, the respect which grows between the professor and his protegee as they challenge one another through a series of high spirited attempts to balance their differences and forge a relationship.

Containing one of the greatest scores of musical theatre, "My Fair Lady" features such musical favorites as "I Could Have Danced All Night," "The Rain in Spain," "Wouldn't It Be Lovely?" and "Get Me to the Church on Time." Ideal entertainment

for all audiences, this romantic musical comedy is sure to be a hit and an excellent holiday treat.

Art does indeed imitate life. Pheasant Run Resort's recent multimillion dollar makeover is only the first hint of the Cinderella story being told off stage. Martinez had already cast, made script cuts, conceptualized and began rehearsing "My Fair Lady," when audience demand gave cause to extend "Grease."

It was then that Martinez began searching for a director and hand picked Brad Lyons, her former employee, to execute her vision on stage. The very history of the educational relationship between Martinez and Lyons echoes that on stage relationship between Henry Higgins and Eliza Doolittle. The Martinez and Lyons collaboration is unique, as well as one which is sure to produce a first class "Lady."

Brad Lyons, originally from Indiana, has a long history with Pheasant Run Resort and theatre. He began working for Martinez when she cast him as Caiaphas in her 1992 production of "Jesus Christ Superstar." (He repeated the role in the

National Tour with Ted Neely and in Pheasant Run's 1998 production.) During his six year career at Pheasant Run, Lyons played many important roles in the theatre both on stage and off, including co-creator of "The Rat Dog and Princess Toad Series."

For the past three years, he has served as Artistic Director for Timberlake Playhouse in Mt. Carroll, Illinois, where he also directed and produced the national premiere of his original musical based upon the legend of Robin Hood. His previous directorial history included productions of "MacBeth," "March of the Falsettos," and "Torch Song Trilogy," which garnered him several critics' awards.

In addition to Lyons contribution, the cast of "My Fair Lady" also exhibits an impressive list of veteran performers to provide a triumphant launch of this new production. Pheasant Run's predominant female vocalist, Lara Filip of Naperville, provides a superb soprano voice and acute comic timing to create a most charming Eliza Doolittle.

As Eliza's aristocratic mentor, Dan Loftus of

Arlington Heights does a charismatic turn as Professor Henry Higgins in his intense and passionate attempt to make Eliza succeed. Having been last seen in Pheasant Run's "Dial M for Murder," Chicagoan Steve Genovese returns as Colonel Pickering to assist Higgins' tutoring of Eliza.

Maggie Nolan of Streamwood plays the sympathetic and ever logical head housekeeper for Mr. Higgins, Mrs. Pearce, who helps Eliza's physical transformation from a guttersnipe into a refined woman of society.

Portraying Eliza's father, Alfred Doolittle, who just needs 'a little bit of luck,' is the hilarious Jeff Little of Waterman.

As Higgins' mother, St. Charles' own Jo Leidig debuts at Pheasant Run as Mrs. Higgins -- her first stage appearance since starring in the title role of "Hello, Dolly!"

Pheasant Run favorite, Tom Hennings of Glen Ellyn, returns after six months as Danny Zuko in "Grease" to play Freddy Eynsford-Hill. Hennings' luscious tenor voice will melt audience's hearts, if not Eliza's when he performs the hopeful ballad "On the Street Where You Live."

Downers Grove's Amy DeJong joins Hennings on stage as Freddy's debutante mother, Mrs. Eynsford-Hill. Mike Erickson of Batavia, David Tibble of Chicago, and Joe Tokarz of Des Plaines, return to Pheasant Run and trade in their hubcaps from "Grease" for ascots in "My Fair Lady."

Featured dancers, Laura Thoma of Forest Park and David Beck of North Aurora, mark their return to Pheasant Run having been on hiatus since "The Best of the 20th Century Cabaret." Brion Bliss, Angela DeMarco, Jenny Fitts, Matthew Karrell and Tom Samorian of Chicago, Daniel LeBrecque of North Riverside, Sara Baur of Roselle, Peder Reiff of Aurora, and Avie Valvano of Naperville complete the cast of "My Fair Lady."

Join "My Fair Lady" starting November 17, 2000. Dinner and theatre times are as follows: Fridays at 7:00 (dinner)/8:15 p.m. (performance). Saturdays at 4:00/5:15 p.m. or 8:30/9:45 p.m. and Sundays at 12:30 p.m. (Sunday Brunch)/ 2:15 p.m. or 5:45/7:00 p.m. Special evening performances can be arranged for groups of 75 or more. Dinner theatre tickets start at \$38; show only tickets start at \$20. (Prices scheduled to change effective January 2001.)

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One act play festival at Daley College

Theater lovers alert! The Drama Club at Richard J. Daley College is having a festival of one act plays, Nov. 16, 17, and 18. Directed by Professor James Highland, the performances will feature faculty, staff, and friends of the college. The location will be the Beattie Theater, with performances at 7 p.m. each evening. A donation of \$5 is suggested.

The goal of the Drama Club is to provide theater lovers with the opportunity to enjoy live theater on Chicago's Southwest Side. "This should be an outstanding performance," notes Jack Gilmore, Daley alumnus, "not to be missed." For more information, please contact Theresa Tylka at (773) 838-7573.

Guitar ensemble to perform at Saint Xavier

Saint Xavier University's Fall Concert Series continues with Guitaranza, a performance by the University Guitar Ensemble directed by Julie Goldberg. The performance will be on Saturday, December 2 in McGuire Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The twelve member University Guitar Ensemble will present a program of music for guitar orchestra, guitar duos, trios, and quartets. In addition to the featured work, an arrangement of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite* for Guitar Orchestra, the ensemble will perform Irish, Spanish, and Latin American guitar music.

A donation of \$6 is suggested for the general public and \$5 for senior citizens. The performance is free for Saint Xavier students, faculty, and staff, as well as high school students. All proceeds collected from the Fall Concert Series will be used to fund scholarships for music students.

For further information about Saint Xavier University's Fall Concert Series, please call (773) 298-3448.

Chicago Southland's finest fall antique show

The new Tinley Park Convention Center, 18501 S. Harlem Ave., will host the Chicago Southland's Finest Fall Antique Show, Saturday and Sunday, November 25 and 26, 2000.

Offering a huge selection of fine antiques and collectibles, the Fall Antique Show features over 120 dealers from throughout the Midwest, including many from the Chicagoland area. According to show promoter Thomas Ruane, the Fall Antique Show will offer a fine collection of merchandise, including: furniture, porcelain, art glass, paintings and sculpture, clocks and watches, Orientalia, toys, advertising, vintage decorator items, and jewelry...an incredible array of treasures -- everything from toys to Tiffany!

Additionally, for World War II memorabilia fans, Mr. Bruno Rzonca, a German

Navy veteran and survivor of battleship Bismarck, will be on hand to discuss the battle and sinking of that historic ship. On May 27, 1941, the Bismarck was surrounded by 31 Royal Navy vessels and sunk. Rzonca was one of only 115 survivors of a crew of 2,467, and only survivor living in the United States.

Large crowds are expected for the Chicago Southland's Finest Fall Antique Show, running Thanksgiving weekend, November 25 and 26. Show hours are 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, and 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26.

For additional information on the Chicago Southland Fall Antique Show, contact Tom Ruane at (815) 485-6666, or e-mail: antiqueshow2000@hotmail.com



St. Bernadette students participate in Drug Awareness Week

Students from St. Bernadette School, Evergreen Park, participated in Drug Awareness Week, beginning October 23, with a parade around the school. Each classroom made a poster depicting their thoughts on drug use and participated in the parade. Students prepared skits to be read during the school announcements and wore red ribbons to show their support for a drug free society. Pictured are students from different classrooms marching in the parade.

THANKSGIVING

Updates wanted for Evergreen Park Medical I.D. Bracelet Program

If you are an Evergreen Park Resident currently enrolled in the Senior Council/OCS Medical Bracelet I.D. Program and changes in information occur -- such as doctor, person to notify, medical conditions, prescriptions, Living Will or Power of Attorney for healthcare -- please update your profile card at the Office of Citizens' Services, 3450 West 97th St.

If you do not have a Medical I.D. Bracelet, but would like to be enrolled in the program, application forms are available at OCS. The bracelet cost is \$5.

For more information call (708) 422-8776.

Holiday Happenings at Oak Lawn Park District

Area residents can enjoy some free holiday cheer early this season at the Oak Lawn Park District.

On Tuesday, November 28, the Oak Lawn Park District Children's Theater group will present a free performance of "A Christmas Carol" on the Oakview Center's professional stage at 7:00 p.m. The play is directed by the program's instructor, Catherine Smitko of Evergreen Park. Children performing in the play have been participants in the park district's children's theater program for kids ages 8 to 15 since early September.

On Saturday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m., the park district's cultural arts department will present its annual holiday concert at the Oakview Center. This free program will feature the established vocal group, Voices of the Valley, under the direction of Alice Maguire of Oak Lawn with Rose Cunningham of Evergreen Park as accompanist. Songs will range from Pergolesi's "Glory to God in the Highest" to carols by John Rutter to "Ring Those Christmas Bells" by Levene. Soloists from Voices of the Valley will include Oak Lawn's Peggy Doyle singing "I Heard the

Bells on Christmas Day," Burbank's Florence Sklenar singing "O Holy Night" and Oak Lawn's Frank Chellberg singing "Christmas Song." The Saturday night concert will also feature performances by the park district's vocal students singing more secular holiday songs, such as "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and "I'll Be Home for Christmas." Vocal students in the concert are Jessica Finnigan, Diana Chan, Rachel Page, Gina Galligar, Michele Weyforth, Amanda Gunn and Angelica Sanchez -- all from Oak Lawn. Piano students who will be performing are Oak Lawn's Cassie Cappelto and Oak Lawn's Lauren Chibe. The students are directed by program instructor, Barb Miles of Oak Lawn.

"We invite the public to come and enjoy these free events to help usher in the holiday season," says Jim Popko, the park district's cultural arts supervisor.

The location for both events is the Oakview Center, located 4625 W. 110th St. in Oak Lawn.



Swedish Covenant Hospital, Our Lady of the Resurrection Hospital, and the City of Chicago Department of Health. Approximately 3,000 doses of flu vaccine were administered in a program that ended Friday, November 3.

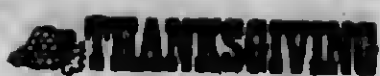
Flu, short for influenza, is a viral infection of the nose, throat, and lungs. Catching it is as easy as breathing when an infected person coughs or sneezes nearby. Symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, and headache.

Most healthy children and adults recover easily with bed rest and fluids, but older and chronically ill people may develop life threatening complications like pneumonia. Flu shots can prevent most complications and save lives.

Little Company brings flu shots to the community

Nurses from Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers volunteered to bring flu shots to community members who otherwise might not have access to this preventive measure.

The nurses annually offer their time and talents in this program coordinated by the office of James Laski, City Clerk of the City of Chicago. Little Company was the sole hospital from the south side participating in this program, volunteering along with



Chicago Cultural Center presents Lunch Break

The schedule is as follows:

Nov. 24: Gallery Walk: A 30 minute exploration of all current exhibitions at Michigan Avenue Galleries. Nov. 27: Musicians Club of Women Concert; Michelle Areyzaga, soprano and Corinth Dela Cruz, piano at the Preston Bradley Hall. Nov. 28: Chicago acoustic blues guitarist and vocalist Eric Noden at the Randolph Cafe. Nov. 29: Dame Myra Hess Concert; Andrew Burashko, piano at the Preston Bradley Hall. Nov. 30: Bluesy country originals from Deanna Varagona (also of Lambchop) at the Randolph Cafe.

The Guided Architectural Building Tours is at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, meet in the Randolph Lobby.

Moraine Valley Jazz Ensemble to present winter concert

The Moraine Valley Community College Jazz Ensemble will present their winter concert on Friday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will take place in the Dorothy Menker Theater, located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. in Palos Hills.

Directed by Tim AuBuchon, an adjunct instructor of music at the college, the Moraine Valley Jazz Ensemble has been wowing audiences with their sassy sounds. The grounds consists of Moraine Valley students as well as community members.

The program for the winter concert will include compositions by Thad Jones, Gil Evans, Stan Kenton, and others. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students.

For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 per order handling fee. For media inquiries, call Marianne Bisby, public relations specialist, at (708) 974-5281.

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Chicago Cultural Center presents Thursday Something

The following performances are: December 7, 6:30 p.m., "A History of American Musical Theater: A Joyride Down Broadway." A witty, tongue-in-cheek tribute to the form by the irreverent Aardvark Theater, under the energetic direction of Ann Filmer and Walter Tambor. December 14, 6:30 p.m., "A History of Country: The Vocalists." Sally Timms and Robbie Fulks channel classic country vocalists, while Chris Ligon and Heather McAdams, proprietors of the Record Roundup, show vintage 16mm country.

December 21, 6:30 p.m., "A History of Opera: Hitting the High Notes." Say goodbye to the year 2000 with bad boy tenor Warren Moulton, pianist/conductor Larry Rapchak, and special holiday guests.

For more information call (312) FINE-ART.

Registration continues for genealogy workshop

Don't miss your chance to enroll in a Genealogy Workshop offered at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., Saturday, December 2 at 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration are now being accepted at the library's Reception Booth on a first come, first serve basis. Limited to 23 participants. \$10 fee per person for box lunch and materials.

Kathy O'Leary, genealogy expert and reference librarian, will lead an introductory program of techniques for researching your family history. Learn about print resources in the morning and explore the internet in the afternoon.

A complete schedule of adult programs offered at the Oak Lawn Public Library is available at their Community Information Centers, first floor, and at their web site, www.lib.oak-lawn.il.us, for additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations officer, (708) 422-4990.

Fiddler on the Roof coming to the Shubert Theatre

Fiddler on the Roof, the world's most beloved musical, is back on tour with a celebrated new production starring Theodore Bikel as the quintessential Tevye, the humble milkman who struggles to preserve his family traditions in the face of a changing world. Now, in its 36th year, *Fiddler on the Roof* is coming to The Shubert Theatre from December 19, 2000 through January 7, 2001 for only 24 performances.

Winner of nine 1965 Tony Awards and the recipient of the 1965 New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Musical, *Fiddler on the Roof* has captured the hearts of audiences worldwide since its Broadway debut on September 22, 1964. A generation later, *Fiddler on the Roof* is still the ninth longest running show in Broadway Musical History.

Fiddler on the Roof's performance schedule is as follows: Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 22 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 24 at 2 p.m.; Tuesday, Dec. 26 at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. and

7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 28 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 29 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 30 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 31 at 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Jan. 4 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Jan. 5 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 6 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets to *Fiddler on the Roof*, which range from \$25 to \$75, will go on sale Friday, October 27, 2000 at 10 a.m. at the Broadway in Chicago Box Office, 22 W. Monroe Street, by calling the Broadway in Chicago Ticketline at (312) 902-1400, at all Ticketmaster centers (including Dominick's, Carson Pirie Scott, Tower Records and Hot Tix) or at www.ticketmaster.com. Groups of 20 or more can receive a discount by calling (312) 977-1710. *Fiddler on the Roof* is part of the Broadway in Chicago subscription series. To subscribe, call (312) 977-1717.



McAuley AP Scholars named

The following Mother McAuley High School students of the Class of 2000 have been named Advanced Placement Scholars by the College Board.

Kourtney Kuzmickas (Palos Heights) received the Scholar of Distinction Award; Elizabeth Coughlan (Chgo.-Beverly), Beth Filipak (Chgo.-Gage Park), Christina Jaschuk (Oak Lawn), Alexandra Molesky (Evergreen Park), Mary Morgan (Hickory Hills), Christine Ratajczak (Oak Lawn) and Kelly Sheahan (Chgo.-Morgan Park) were named Scholars with Honor.

Audra Adomenas (Oak Lawn), Anne Condron (Oak Lawn), Trina Gillen (Chgo.-Beverly), Sara Gruzlewski (Chgo.-West Lawn), Jennifer Harrigan (Oak Lawn), Kirsten Hess (Chgo.-Beverly), Kelly Huber (Chgo.-Clearing), Amanda McKee (Oak Lawn), Emily Siska (Oak Lawn), Angela Stepancic (Chgo.-Hyde Park) and Rochelle Sweis (Oak Lawn) were named Scholars.

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The Philip Lynch Theatre

Dale Wasserman's touching tale, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, will be presented by the Philip Lynch Theatre at Lewis University from December 7 through 10. Evening performances, 8:00 p.m. Sunday matinee, 2:30 p.m.

For tickets, call (815) 836-5500, Monday through Friday, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Philip Lynch Theatre is located on the main campus of Lewis University on Route 53 in Romeoville.

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"Christmas is in the Air" (create a holiday centerpiece and learn creative and inexpensive ideas for Holiday tables) Friday, December 1, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. For ages 18 years and older. Cost for residents is \$25, non-residents is \$30.

Register in advance at the Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd St. For information call 430-4500.

Chicago's south side formed *The Convertibles* in 1997 and have developed a repertory of barbershop, doo-wop, gospel, and cowboy and western ballads to entertain their audiences. Refreshments will be served.

All taking place at Tinley Park High School Library, 6111 W. 175th St., Tinley Park, Thursday, December 7, 2000. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts at 7:00 p.m. Visitors are welcome, visitor fee is \$1 per meeting.



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Chicago Children's Choir, Chicago Cultural Center presents Songs of the Season

The repertoire ranges from classical selections to holiday music from around the world. This year the Concert Choir will perform *Angus Dei* transcribed from the "Adagio for strings," This Christmastide, *Mi Zeh Hidlik* and *White Christmas* while the Neighborhood Choirs will feature *Carol of the Bells*, *Hanerot Halalu* and *Let it Snow*, just to name a few. It will be a wonderful night of music the whole family will enjoy.

The Concert Choir is under the direction of Josephine Lee, Artistic Director. Their upcoming concert is Saturday, December 2, 2000 at St. Barnabas Church, 101st and Longwood Drive, Chicago, at 8:00 pm, doors open at 7:30 pm. The Neighborhood Choir of Beverly and Hyde Park next scheduled concert is Friday, December 15, 2000 at St. Denis Catholic Church, 8301 S. St. Louis, Chicago, at 7:30 pm, doors open at 7:00 pm.

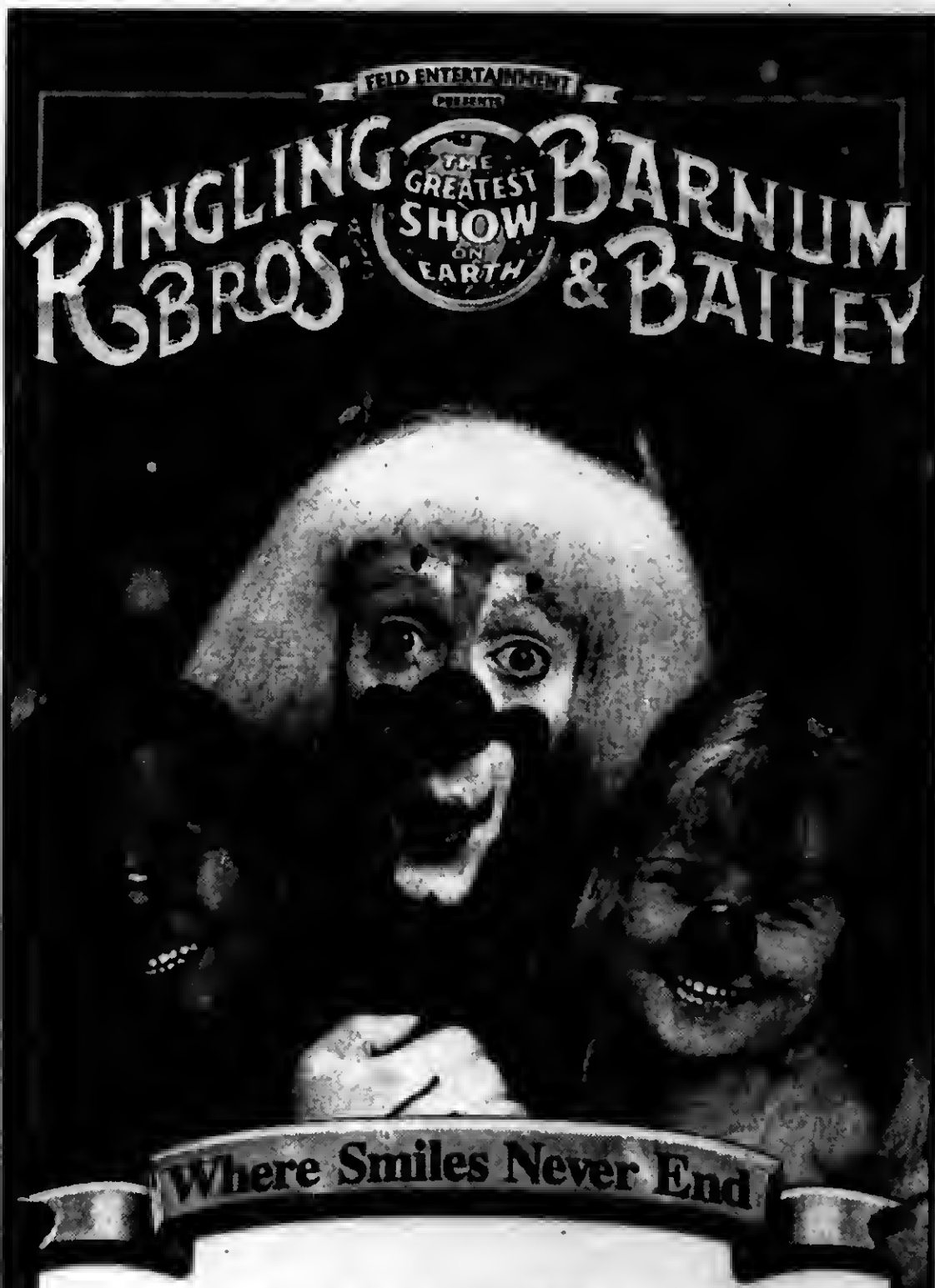
Concert ticket prices for the Concert Choir is \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$10 for students. Ticket prices for Neighborhood Choirs are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$5 for students.

Tinley Moraine Genealogist

The December meeting is traditionally a social evening enabling members to enjoy fellowship and the joys of the Holiday Season.

This year members will be entertained by *The Convertibles*, a quartet of male singers specializing in Doo-Wop and Barbershop arrangements. Lead singer Lou Gonzalez is a union pipe fitter with great pipes. Tenor Kendall Parish, an engineer working for a lime company, is responsible for many of the arrangements sung by the *Convertibles*.

Ron Welch, who sings deep, dark, low-down notes in the bass clef, is chief of a village fire department. And baritone Glenn Kersten, suburban reference librarian, is truly a legend in his own mind. These four residents of



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Turkey Time Travel Tips from the National Headache Foundation

Grandma's house may be just over the river and through the woods, but getting the family there during Thanksgiving, the most traveled and stressful time of the year, can lead to one big headache. Over 45 million Americans experience chronic, recurring headache, more than the 33 million sufferers of arthritis, diabetes, and coronary heart disease combined.

Unless you prepare, traveling during the Thanksgiving season can lead to stress, a common trigger of tension type headaches. To help you navigate a headache free holiday, the National Headache Foundation offers these travel tips:

***Plan in advance --** A well planned trip can ease the stress of holiday traveling. Thanksgiving is a time to share with family and friends, so make sure you reserve your tickets early. If you plan to travel by car, plot your course and make all hotel reservations in advance.

***Make lists --** Forgetting to leave the key with a neighbor who will water the plants and pick up the mail can spoil even the best tasting turkey dinner. Make a list of everything that must be done and of all important items you

will need before you leave. The list may include medication, your toothbrush or Suzy's blanket (the one she can't fall to sleep without). Knowing you have everything carefully organized will ease the tension of a long trip.

***Rest --** A disruption in your sleep cycle or fatigue are common triggers of headaches. Be sure to get plenty of sleep before you head out on your journey. Staying up all night to pack will leave you tired and irritable and may give everyone traveling with you a headache too.

***Don't skip meals --** An empty stomach could spur a headache. Therefore, if you're unable to follow your normal eating schedule, pack snacks for the trip. Avoid foods such as ripe cheeses, processed meats and chocolate which have been known to cause headaches.

***Schedule personal time --** Thanksgiving is a time when families are drawn together, but the stress of being with your family may be provoking. Plan to visit friends, take long walks and give yourself a break from all that family togetherness to decrease or help avoid stress.

***Avoid alcohol --** Drinking alcohol on a flight may seem like a good way to ease

the tension of a long trip, but be aware of the dehydrating effects of alcohol. Beverages including red wine which contain tyramine, a natural occurring amino acid, can trigger headaches.

***Consult your health care provider --** Many Americans suffer from frequent headaches but fail to seek the advice of their health care provider. If you are experiencing headache pain on a routine basis, make an appointment with your health care provider to discuss your headache problem. He or she can tell you how to treat, as well as prevent, headaches. There are more prescription, over the counter, and non medicated treatment options available to headache sufferers than ever before. Ask your health care provider whether one is right for you.

For more information on headache causes and treatments, visit the NHF website at www.headaches.org. To request a free copy of NHF Head Lines, the award winning bi-monthly newsletter, and Tap the Best Resource, an informative brochure, call 1-888-NHF-5552, Monday through Friday, 8am to 6 pm CT.

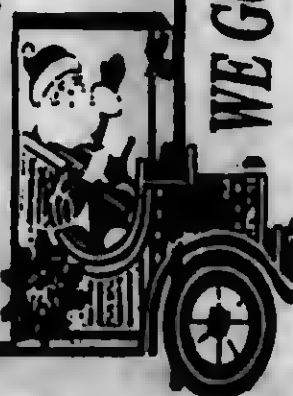
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Hawkinson Ford's Friends of the Community Program donated \$500 to the St. Catherine of Alexandria school for the purchase of two air conditioning units for the school's computer lab. The school was in need of the air conditioning units but did not have the funds to purchase them. The computer lab is integral in St. Catherine of Alexandria's 'Essential Learning Solutions' program.

The 'Essential Learning Solutions' program is in place to help students improve their abilities to process what they learn through the use of their senses. The computer techniques to help teach these skills to the students. Without the air conditions the lab would be too hot to house the computers and the students would not be able to use them. The lab is also used as a classroom for teachers to teach their students general computer skills and how to use the internet.

Teaching computer skills to students at an early age plays an important role in giving them a solid beginning to their education. Schools such as St. Catherine of Alexandria would not be able to teach these necessary

skills to their students without a supporter like

Hawkinson Ford's Friends of the Community program. Mary Lou Lovell, principal of St. Catherine of Alexandria, says that the school is "extremely grateful to Hawkinson Ford for taking an interest in schools, allowing them to get things they need that they would not otherwise be able to obtain." Friends of the Community is a community relations effort of Hawkinson Ford in Oak Lawn to assist area schools and not for profit organizations in the community. Hawkinson Ford was established in 1961 by Robert R. Hawkinson and is now run by his four sons and their wives. The dealership continues to be the number one Ford dealer in Illinois. Visit Hawkinson Ford on the web at www.hawkinsonford.com.

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St. Laurence High School National Honor Society

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Beverly actress/mom combines several roles

by Anita Anderson

Megan Moore Burns, a resident of Beverly, was on her way to an audition in Chicago's Loop. We spoke via cell phone as Burns drove and still managed to focus on our conversation about her roles as mom to seven year old twins, Annie and Liam, and wife to actor husband, Peter Burns, a long time Beverly resident.

Burns is one of the six actresses who are performing at the Royal George Theatre's production of "Mom's The Word," the tale of six 'real moms' who relate stories they thought too embarrassing or too revealing for even their closest friends. It all comes out in the production along with the joys and tears of motherhood.

Burns received her training at The Second City where she wrote her own material. She's been a professional actress for 14 years but retired briefly in 1991 to have her twins who were born early.

Burns' mom, Mary, who raised her own family of five

kids in Normal, Ohio was part of the reason Megan could continue to perform as an actress.

"She's my inspiration," added Burns, "Mom also taught school and my father is a retired college professor."

Burns said her husband Peter, spent some time in California where he was employed for Nickelodeon and she kept the home fires burning. "He'd do the same for me," she added. The couple are members of Christ the King Parish and both agree Beverly is where they choose to raise their twins.

"The support we receive here could not be matched anywhere," the young actress said.

"I can remember bringing my kids to rehearsal and our producer watched all of the kids."

"What's really good about my role in "Mom" is that my character is the mother of twins and they were premies. We all relate to our parts and validate those insane moments that all women raising kids go through," Burns continued.

And is there a secret yea Moore has not fulfilled?

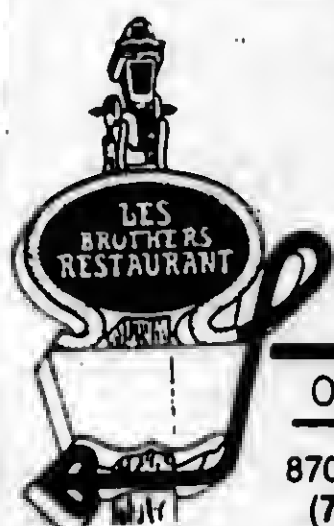
"Yes, I'd love to do a role Bette Davis is famous for. And, I'd like to get lost in Vogue in Evanston, browsing to my heart's content."

The show has an open run. Call (312) 988-9000. "Mom's The Word" was created by six Canadian mothers in 1993 who met every Saturday. The show was born out of their meetings.

Military News

Army Private Joseph S. Opyt has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

He is the son of Phyllis Yarmoska of Chicago. Opyt is a 1999 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School in Chicago.



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South Side Choral Group of Chicago's 38th anniversary

The South Side Choral Group of Chicago will mark its 38th anniversary season with a performance of Handel's "Messiah" on Saturday, December 2, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. Elim Baptist Church, 10835 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago, will host the presentation of this spectacular holiday oratorio.

The South Side Choral Group is a chorus composed of approximately 80 voices, representing some 35 churches in Chicago, the southern suburbs, and other outlying areas. Founded in 1963 by Robert Iler of Moody Bible Institute, it is currently under the direction of Ernest Neely III. Mr. Neely served as Minister of Music and choir director with numerous churches and organizations across the country, including the United States Air Force.

The presentation will feature professional soloists who have performed with many local, national, and international symphony orchestras and opera companies.

The concert is free of charge, although a free will offering is taken during the performance to help defray the costs of professional soloists and musicians.



Students collect food for needy

Students from the National Honor societies of Queen of Peace and St. Laurence display some of the two vans full of food they collected from Burbank residents for distribution to the needy. Among those pictured in the group from left to right are Therese Haskins, moderator; Andy Watson, Vanessa Sheehan, Therese Lahart, moderator; Nicole Steigerwald, Dan Bartger, Joann Bryja, Jen Cerney and Kieran Normoyle. Other students helped out but were not available for the picture. Stickney township distributed the food to needy families in the area.

TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING

Museum of Broadcast Communications presents TV Tuesdays

Museum of Broadcast Communications at the Chicago Cultural Center, Michigan and Washington Street, presents TV Tuesdays.

Bring your lunch and join us for an hour of classic television! From noon to 1:00 p.m. Free admission and a chance to win a free tv! Entry forms distributed each Tuesday for monthly drawing of 13" Zenith portable tv.

The next showing is November 21, "Jackie Gleason's American Scene;" Live from Miami Beach, Jackie welcomes Wayne Newton, Art Carney, Sue Ann Langdon and the June Taylor Dancers! Commercials included. And the following show is November 28, "Ernie Kovacs Show and Here's Edie;" Ernie hosts Milton Berle, followed by Edie's pilot to her 1962 variety series, with Dick Shawn and Andre Previn.

Visit the web site at www.mbcnet.org.

Chicago holds Holiday Sports Festival

This holiday season, experience true family entertainment during Mayor Daley's Holiday Sports Festival 2000. The festival will be held December 29-31 at McCormick Place in the south building.

This brand new event is part festival, part tournament. It encompasses the already established Holiday Hoops Basketball tournament and creates new tournaments for floor hockey, Nerf football, volleyball and soccer.

Spectator and players alike can enjoy free interactive zones that include Ping Pong, Kick Ball, Badminton, Four-Square, a climbing wall, fishing pond, boxing, toddler sports area and fitness stage.

Sports enthusiasts can learn from the professionals and participate in on-site

clinics hosted by the Chicago Bears, Chicago Bulls, Chicago Fire and Chicago Enforcers. There will also be chances to win great prizes.

Players will receive an official Holiday Sports Festival 2000 t-shirt and winning teams in each division will receive prizes.

On Friday, December 29, the festival hours will be 1-6 p.m., and the Tournament Hours will be 12-6p.m., Saturday, December 30, the festival hours will be 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and the Tournament Hours will be 9 a.m.-6p.m., and on Sunday, December 31, Festival Hours are 11 a.m.-4p.m. and the tournament hours will be 10a.m.to 4p.m.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope



by Kathy Whirity

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

DEAR LORD,

It's that time of the year again when, as tradition would have it, family and friends will gather around tables overflowing with a bounty of good food, surrounded by the love that has brought them all together once again. And, as is also tradition-we'll find ourselves reflecting upon what we are most grateful for.

As I become more of an adult, the life lessons I'm learning from life's let downs are teaching me to accept and embrace the blessings that are mine.

As I tuck my children beneath the warmth of a cozy quilt, may my prayers be of thanks for being given the opportunity to share the really important things in life, like the love, laughter and comfort that the togetherness of family life brings.

Help me to remember what a precious gift this is when I see glimpses of helpless children living in despair, the pain of uncertainty etched on their sad little faces. The longer I live, the closer I come to realize that more than money, expensive cars or luxurious homes, it's the inner peace that comes from making a difference in someone else's life that is a priceless gift that fills a person's soul with contentment.

Grant me the compassion Lord, to lend a helping hand when one is needed, not to judge situations on looks alone, and to greet each new day as an opportunity to spread a little sunshine to otherwise gloomy days. Thank you Lord for teaching me that for every journey in life there is a purpose, and that it is up to me to find the beauty and joy in each message, no matter how big no matter how small. An unasked for hug from a toddler, a teen that truly cares about what you have to say, and the ability to find patience when life gets overwhelmingly crazy, are all wonderful gifts that fill my heart with gratitude for all that is mine to cherish.

Thank you Lord for the children who love me, for the loving husband who works so hard to provide for his family as best he can. Devotion and trust are powerful attributes that neither fame nor fortune can buy, but I am wealthy Lord because they are mine. Life is not perfect but it was never meant to be. It is instead a constant lesson in the making. And as we toast to each other's health and happiness this Thanksgiving Holiday, I am ever aware of the lessons I am still learning. Through your grace Lord I am reminded that you are not finished with me yet.

Thank you dear Father, for the person that I am, and I have yet to become.

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St. Rita High School open house

St. Rita of Cascia High School, 7740 S. Western Ave., will hold an Open House for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys on Sunday, December 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. St. Rita High School is a Catholic, college preparatory school owned and operated by priests of the Order of St. Augustine.

During the Open House, guided tours will emphasize various academics, spiritual, and extra curricular programs offered at St. Rita. Prospective students and their parents will also learn about the Augustinian philosophy followed by the St. Rita community of educating the whole person -- intellectually, spiritually, physically, emotionally, and socially.

The tour will begin in the school gymnasium, where visitors will hear a performance by the St. Rita Mustang Band. More than forty exhibits will be on display in the gym representing the many athletic programs and clubs St. Rita have to offer. Information on tuition, financial assistance, bus transportation service, parents' club, and the Alumni Association will also be available in the gym. Stops on the tour include the newly renovated 1,000 seat St. Rita Chapel

and Shrine, state of the art computer labs, a Chemistry demonstration in one of St. Rita's four science labs, a presentation by the English Department, as well as a stop to view the Olympic sized pool and weight training room.

Visitors will have an opportunity to meet school administrators, teachers, coaches, club moderators, students and parents of current students. Additionally, 7th and 8th grade students may call to schedule a day-time visit any week day to experience first hand the St. Rita school day.

This year, St. Rita is celebrating 96 years of excellence in education; a rich tradition which includes the honor of being named one of 96 Outstanding High Schools in the Nation in 1999 by U.S. News and World Report magazine. For more information, call Mr. Michael Murtagh, (773) 925-RITA or click to www.stritahs.com

Suzuki sounds of the season at Moraine Valley

The Suzuki violin classes at Moraine Valley Community College will perform a free holiday concert on Saturday, December 2, at 10:30 am. The concert will take place in the Dorothy Menker Theater, located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave. in Palos Hills.

Instructor Imelda Kaminski will direct the group, which ranges in age from 3 to adult. More than 80 violins and several cellos will be on stage to perform a variety of traditional Suzuki violin repertoire, including "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and "Lightly Row." Classic pieces such as "It's Grieg to Me" by Edward Grieg and "Follow My Leader" by Charles Woodhouse will also be performed. In addition, there will be a variety of holiday music performed, including "Christmas Fantasy" by George Best, "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin, and traditional carols including "Silent Night," "O Come All Ye Faithful," and "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas."

For more information or to reserve tickets call (708) 974-5500. Tickets will be held at the Box Office.



Students enrolled in Business Internship Program at Maria

Pictured is West Lawn resident, Yanira Fernandez, who is one of the students in the Business Internship Program. She is employed at ABN Amro.

Business Internship Program at Maria High School

Maria offers students a unique opportunity their senior year, to experience a paid internship in Maria's Business Internship Program. The program is coordinated by Mrs. Clare Bergnach. It is a partnership between Maria High School and various businesses to provide learning experiences for our student learners through part time employment. "Students get practical work experience and a greater understanding of the business community," stated Mrs. Bergnach. "Not only do they receive earnings to help meet educational and other expenses, they gather information to help assist the student in making decisions about their education and future career."

Interns attend classes in the morning, which includes a business internship class related to their work experience, and in the afternoon the student leaves Maria to work at one of the participating businesses. Interns receive pay (minimum accepted is \$5.75/hr) and school credit while experiencing the business world first hand.

Interns generally work between 15 and 20 hours a week. The knowledge gained through this program is a strong asset for future resumes as well as college applications. There are currently thirteen seniors in the business internship program; the program continues for both semesters.

Cinderella comes to The Ford Center

Marshall's presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella, starring Eartha Kitt as the Fairy Godmother; also starring Deborah Gibson as Cinderella and Paolo Montalban as The Prince. Cinderella will play Chicago's Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St., from Tuesday, January 16 through Sunday, January 28, 2001. Tickets will go on sale Friday, November 24, 2000.

The performance schedule is as follows: Tuesday, January 16 at 8 pm; Wed. Jan. 17 at 7:30 pm; Thurs., Jan. 18 at 7:30 pm; Friday, Jan. 19 at 8 pm; Saturday, Jan. 20 at 2 pm; Sunday,



Jan. 21 at 2 pm and 7 pm; Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 7:30 pm; Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 2 pm; Thursday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 pm; Friday, Jan. 26 at 8 pm; Saturday, Jan. 27 at 2 pm and 8 pm and Sunday, Jan. 28 at 2 pm.

Tickets to Cinderella, which range from \$20 to \$70, will go on sale Friday, November 24, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. at the Broadway in Chicago Box Office, 22 W. Monroe St., by calling the Broadway in Chicago Ticketline (312) 902-1400, at all TicketMaster ticket centers. Groups of 20 or more can receive a discount by calling (312) 977-1710.

VIEWS ON NEWS

Public Library Secretary White announces welcomes Eva Hunter Health Literacy Program

Bridgeview Public Library is pleased to welcome singer/song writer/recording artist Eva Hunter on December 2, at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Hunter has often been compared to the likes of Jewel, Joan Osborne, and Sarah McLaughlin and is equally at home belting out a soulful melody or caressing a ballad with her gossamer falsetto.

Hunter's edgy song writing and impressive guitar playing promise an exciting musical afternoon. Eva is now on tour promoting her new c.d. *Fancy Prairie*. Admission is free and open to all ages. The Bridgeview Public Library is located at 7840 W. 79th St., Bridgeview, (708) 458-2880.

Snackville Junction's free Thanksgiving Day turkey dinner

Snackville Junction will be serving FREE Thanksgiving Day turkey dinner from noon until 4:00 p.m. This will be our 14th year that we provided this meal at no cost to anyone that comes to Snackville. The menu will consist of turkey, with all the trimmings, dressing, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, and beverages. Homemade pumpkin pie (with or without whip cream!) will top off the feast.

Snackville will also deliver meals to anyone that is unable to come in for dinner. Just call us at (708) 423-1313 and let us know where and what time to deliver the meals.

Snackville wishes to thank many of their purveyors and friends for their annual support that allows us to continue this nice tradition. For any further information, stop in Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. or Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. or Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are located at 9144 South Kedzie Ave. in Evergreen Park. Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Snackville!

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced a new health information program today that helps parents who have low level reading skills understand vital information about prescriptions and doctors' orders.

The new program, called *Health Literacy For All*, will focus on reaching out to under educated parents and their young children and help them receive accurate, easy to understand health information.

"Getting health information and being able to understand it is difficult for a lot of people," Secretary White said. "Just think about how hard it is for those who have very few reading skills or who are in the process of learning English. Understanding the information could be the difference between life and death."

White says the Health Literacy task force he's appointed will work with hospitals, pharmacies, medical providers and medical schools to create easy to read and understand pamphlets, posters and electronic information on health issues that will be available at hospitals, pharmacies, libraries and literacy programs.

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Library's Toys for Tots Campaign

The Oak Lawn Public Library Staff Association will sponsor a Toys for Tots campaign Saturday, November 25 through Wednesday, December 20.

Patrons may drop off new and "like new" toys in collection barrels near the library's first floor holiday display. Donors are asked to give gifts for children of all ages, up to age 12. Toys should be unwrapped so that they may be sorted according to age and gender.

For additional information, call (708) 422-2990.

this new project," White said. "I think it will not only help those who can't read well to understand more about medical issues, but it will make our health care providers more aware and ready to help those who need it most."

Task force members include representatives from Children's Memorial Hospital, Illinois Pharmacists Association, Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois Hospital Association, Walgreen's, and Osco Drugs.

To view current Secretary of State health literacy information, go to www.library.sos.state.il.us/isl/literacy/lit_main.html. White's office funds more than 300 literacy projects across the state with \$8.4 million in state funds. For further information on these efforts, call 1-800-665-5576, press 1, then 3.

Board of Review to open Rich & Bremen Townships for appeal

The Cook County Board of Review will accept applications from property owners living in Rich and Bremen Township who wish to appeal their property tax assessments. Applications from those townships will be accepted between November 17th and December 15th. Any property owner who wishes to appeal their assessment may pick up an application form at the Board of Review at 118 N. Clark, Room #601 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or call Commissioner Maureen Murphy's office at (312) 603-3644 to find out about Board of Review locations in Markham, Bridgeview, Maywood, Rolling Meadows and Skokie.

Applications may also be available at the Rich and Bremen Township Assessor's offices. The Board of Review will release the names of townships that may file appeals on a monthly basis as they become eligible. Assessment appeal seminars in or around these areas are currently being planned by Commissioner Murphy's office.



Rene Arcilla, M.D., (right) of The Heart Institute for Children at Advocate Hope Children's Hospital, is congratulated for his Chicago March of Dimes' health leadership recognition by 1999 recipient, Atef Moawad, M.D., of the University of Chicago Hospitals. Also participating in the presentation was Nancy Gerhardt (center), a 12 year old Orland Park resident and patient of Dr. Arcilla.

Rene Arcilla at Advocate Hope Children's Hospital honored by the March of Dimes

Rene Arcilla, M.D., Director of The Heart Institute for Children located at Advocate Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn, was among a select group of health care leaders honored at the March of Dimes Jonas Salk Health Leadership Luncheon, at the Chicago Athletic Association. He was recognized for his outstanding contributions to maternal and child health.

A resident of Kenwood Neighborhood in Chicago, Dr. Arcilla is a world renowned pediatric cardiologist who has dedicated his life's work to infants and children with congenital heart defects. Dr. Arcilla developed the pediatric cardiology unit at the University of Chicago Hospitals, and subsequently became professor of pediatrics.

In 1987, he was invited to establish The Heart Institute at Advocate Christ Hospital and Medical Center, which moved in 1996 to the new Advocate Hope Children's Hospital, located on the Christ Hospital campus. The institute has grown dramatically, providing services to infants and children throughout Illinois as well as patients from Bosnia, Kosovo and Asia. Approximately 50% of

the cardiac surgical procedures performed in metropolitan Chicago are done at the institute.

"This recognition by the March of Dimes is truly a joy because it affirms my life's work with children. These little ones deserve our very best -- our talents, our compassion and our drive to excel," Arcilla observed.

Dr. Arcilla is active in numerous professional societies and was chosen as the sole representative of the American Pediatric Society to the National Society of Medical Research. He has authored a textbook as well as book chapters and more than 200 published articles.

The March of Dimes Jonas Salk Health Leadership Awards were established in an effort to help educate the community about the direct link between the mission of the March of Dimes and health care. The awards were named in honor of the Dr. Jonas Salk, who developed the polio vaccine with funding and support from the March of Dimes.

Since 1938, the March of Dimes has been the number one voluntary organization dedicated to infant and maternal health. Its mission to

prevent birth defects and infant mortality is carried out through research, education, community services and advocacy.

One of the nation's top 100 hospitals, Advocate Christ Hospital and Medical Center is a 764 bed, not for profit specialty medical center in Oak Lawn. It is the largest private hospital in Illinois, based on admissions. The hospital is part of the Advocate Health Care, recognized as one of the leading integrated health care systems in the United States.

St. Francis cancels Flu Vaccine Program for 2000

Because of the influenza vaccine manufacturing problems pharmaceutical companies are experiencing nationwide and with no guarantee of delivery, St. Francis Hospital and Health Center in Blue Island has cancelled its scheduled flu vaccine program this year.

Hospital officials are encouraging people, especially those of particular risk to influenza, to explore other options.

Travel

Serenity tranquility and peace is available on Palm Island

by Annette Dixon

If you are looking for seclusion away from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, then enjoy and relax on an isolated island minutes away from shopping and commercial living.

A unique resort is owned by Gar and Dean Beckstead, located near Punta Gorda in Charlotte County, Florida. It is the state's only true out island resort. There are no bridges, causeways to the island. There is a ferry to take you in or out of the island within six minutes.

All the beach villas have a gulf view. Each villa regardless of one, two, or three bedrooms, have the same view.

The building complexes look alike and if you don't remember your suite number, you can get lost. Golf carts, silent ones at that are the only vehicles on the island. All cars are permanently parked unless you need to get off the island. There is a barge at a scheduled hour awaiting your arrival or departure.

With its history in turtle

hunting, and recreation, golfing, fishing, boating, and dining, relaxation will be yours. Rum Bay Restaurant

and the General Store are the only operating businesses on the Island.

If seclusion and privacy is for you, walking along the beach, looking for sand dollars, shells, sharks teeth at Palm Island Resort will be your treasure!



Young people love the seclusion, bring your children and you will enjoy the activities the resort has for the family. Pictured left to right is Charlotte Luer, Red Beard, a real pirate, musician, and story teller, also Christina.

Spirit Airlines enter Chicago market

by Annette Dixon

Spirit Airlines the hub for Myrtle Beach now enters Chicago Market.

Early October, Spirit Airlines went direct to Ft. Myers from O'Hare International Airport.

As a Chicago southsider confused with Midway Airport's congestion and construction, airline delays, Spirit Airlines is like a breath of fresh air at O'Hare's airport.

Spirit Airlines is unlike any discounted airline. It originated in 1980 as a Detroit based tour operator and grew in 1990 and with two Convair 580 turboprop aircraft flying from the east coast to Atlantic City International Airport.

In 1992, the name Spirit Airlines, Inc. emerged and inaugurated two daily flights from Detroit to Atlantic City. As new flights and new cities expanded on the east coast. Spirit continued to take off in the west with California and late October, 2000 at O'Hare, Chicago.

Spirit Airlines celebrated 10 years recently with discounted fares.

Kevin from Sleepy Hollow, near Batavia was asked why he used Spirit Airline, his reply was, "he liked the discounted price of \$167 round trip

and commented about the great leg room in the plane."

On the return flight from Ft. Myers, another passenger sitting next to me commented also about the wide area for stretching those long legs.

The flight attendants are most enjoyable especially Bill. He entertained everyone especially when pantomiming the safety instructions. He reminded me of Steve Martin with facial expressions and all. He had more passengers interested in safety procedures than any

one ever before in history. He left a well known airline to fly with Spirit Airlines which speaks highly for this airline.

Phyllis Fragiorgi, Regional Sales Manager, out of New York informed me of the success Spirit has had, it also has the price, service, and styled aircraft which is important to today's frequent flyer. Check with Spirit Airlines for additional destinations at www.spiritair.com or call 1-800-772-7117 or contact your travel agent.

TIPS ON TRIPS

Calling Home From Mexico

(NAPS)—Dialing for dollars is what some Americans find themselves doing when calling home while traveling in Mexico and elsewhere.

Charges can amount to more than \$65 for a five-minute call from Mexico back to the U.S.

PROFECO, Mexico's consumer protection organization, has immobilized more than 450 illegal phones targeted at English-speaking tourists in some popular tourist destinations.

Although tourists have been told to avoid certain phones by color or location, it's best to be careful when using any phone.

How to protect yourself:
• Before leaving home, check with your preferred long distance provider for rates and the access codes to use



Upon check-in, question your hotel about the long distance company it uses and the rates it charges.

when calling home or between countries. For example, with AT&T Direct® Service, you can place your international calls through the AT&T network.

• If you come across a phone that blocks your call to the access number, choose another phone that can connect you.

• Be sure to find a pay phone with posted rates that are competitive. Confirm the rates with the operator. If the operator is evasive or you are switched to another party, find another public phone from which to make your call.

• Do not assume you are dealing with a reputable long distance provider just because you see logos of major credit card companies posted on the phone. Many of these long distance companies accept major credit cards.

• Subject hotel lobby

phones to the same scrutiny as pay phones found elsewhere.

• Direct dial your international calls through your preferred long distance company whenever possible, even from hotels.

• Get a list of hundreds of hotels around the world that offer competitive phone rates from AT&T's travel Web site at www.att.com/traveler. For information on AT&T Direct, call 1-800-331-1140.



For a free copy of "The Smart Traveler's Planning Kit," containing pamphlets on USTOA's \$1 Million Consumer Protection Plan and "How to Select a Tour or Vacation Package," phone 1-800-GO-USTOA (1-800-468-7862), Ext. 1, or write USTOA, 342 Madison Avenue, Suite 1522, New York, NY 10173, or e-mail USTOA@aol.com, or find all the information on the Worldwide Web at www.ustoa.com.



Palm Island features 154 vacation villas and more to be opened next year! Each building is a low rise two story building. Each features four or eight villas per building and are set in semi circles around one of four island pools. King beds are in all one bedroom villas and twin beds are in the two and three bedroom villas. There are packages for one bedroom villas now through Dec. 16th. (3 Days/2 Nights, 2 people per room, starting at \$250/\$353/\$415 depending upon the package value. Take advantage of a pre holiday season for lower rates or call for future rates. Contact Liz Parker, Eileen O'Neal and Danielle Willard at 1-800-824-5412 for more information or call 941-697-4800 for reservations. You can also click onto www.palmisland.com



Marquette National Bank awards \$1,000 in its "You Shop. We Pop." prize drawing

Each month through June, 2001, Marquette National Bank is drawing a name from a list of MasterMoney debit card users who have made purchases with their Marquette debit card for that month. The drawn name could win up to \$1,000 depending on how much the winner has purchased with the Marquette Master Money card. Card users have the opportunity to win any and every month if they are using their debit card for purchases.

Pictured center is Fredricka Hawkinson, mother of the prize drawing winner -- Ericka Hawkinson (not shown). Mrs. Hawkinson accepted the \$1,000 check for her daughter who is away at college. In fact, daughter Ericka had worked all summer long to save money for her college expenses and didn't begin shopping for college, with her Marquette Master Money debit card until August. Ericka's name was pulled from a list of Marquette customers who had used their debit card for purchases in August. Ericka's extensive use of her Master Money debit card qualified her to receive the maximum \$1,000 prize drawing in Marquette's "You Shop. We Pop." debit card drawing.

Surrounding Mrs. Hawkinson are Marquette Oak Lawn office employees (left to right): Arlene Christie, Investment Representative; Manuel Valenzuela, Senior Teller; Colleen McKeever, Sales Team Officer; Lisa Love, Senior Teller; and Beverly Hacker, Financial Sales Representative.

"Spirit of the Dance" comes to the Paramount Arts Centre

"Spirit of the Dance: the New Millennium" will appear Saturday, December 16th at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Paramount Arts Centre in Aurora. It stars the Irish International Dance Company, one of the most dynamic dance troupes in the world. The 4p.m. performance was added due to the sell out of the 8 p.m. show. Holiday music will be performed in the lobby beginning one hour prior to each show. There will be a lecture/question and answer session in the theatre beginning at 7 p.m.

The dancers sound like a runaway express train and their frenzied skill and pre-

cision will send a shiver down your spine. Not one shoe steps out of line as 30 pairs of thunderous feet dance as one to deliver foot-stamping excitement.

The company has over 200 dancers aged 18-25. Many of them are Irish dance champions. The company also has full time training schools in Dublin and London where new dancers are constantly being groomed to appear in one of the international tours.

All tickets are \$35 and are now on sale at the Paramount Arts Centre box office at 23 E. Galena Blvd. in Aurora or at Ticketmaster outlets.

Chinese instrument recital at Saint Xavier University

The Saint Xavier University Music Department continues its Classics at Noon series with a Chinese Instrument Recital on Friday, December 8th in McGuire Hall from noon to 12:50 p.m. Husband and wife team, Betty Xiang and Wei Yang return to the Xavier Classics at Noon Series to present a concert featuring the unique sounds of the Erhu and Pipa.

Ms. Xiang was trained by her father Zuying Xiang, a renowned Erhu soloist and master in China and Erhu professor at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music. Mr. Yang, who started his musical training at age 6, was privately tutored by some of the great Pipa masters in China, including the renowned Professor Dehai Liu, principal of the Chinese Conservatory of Music.

Since immigrating to the United States in 1996, both Chinese classic musicians have given many

concerts and demonstrations throughout the country including The Art Institute of Chicago, New York City, St. Louis, Missouri, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and most recently, the all Bach Program of Ravinia Music Festival in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Yang teach Pipa and Erhu in their private studios in Elk Grove Village. They were recently awarded the Illinois Arts Council Fellowship.

A suggested donation of \$5 is requested for the general public and \$3 for senior citizens and students with ID's.

For further information on this and other upcoming Classics at Noon concerts, call (773) 298-3421.

It never yet did hurt to lay down likelihoods and forms of hope.
—William Shakespeare, Henry IV, Part 2

Now Open at the Museum of Science and Industry

The 59th Annual Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light Celebrations - Opens November 17, 2000 through January 7, 2001. Enjoy trees, trains and tidings with this year's Christmas Around the World and the Holidays of Light exhibition! The Museum of Science and Industry's Christmas Around the World Celebration began as a United Nations salute to American Allies during World War II.

Now, in its 59th year, Christmas Around the World has grown to a forest of 43 trees and three creches, each carefully decorated by members of Chicago's cultural communities. This year, the Museum is proud to feature The Station, an elaborate model railroad exhibit with more than 25 trains running simultaneously through intricately carved landscapes. Take a whimsical journey through time and enjoy the picturesque scenes including miniature town recreations, a fall carnival and a winter wonderland. In addition to the exhibition, the Museum will host programs and activities for the whole family. Spend your holiday at the Museum of Science and Industry. The Farm - Newest permanent exhibit. The Farm at the Museum of Science and Industry gives guests an opportunity to discover how experts use science and technology

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Michael Jordan: Exhibiting Greatness - Open through January 7, 2001. This exclusive exhibition allows a personal glimpse into Jordan's life and accomplishments with the largest collection of Jordan artifacts ever displayed. In addition to the memorabilia and collectibles, you'll experience video highlights of the Bulls' Championship games and the six Championship trophies in a roomsize replica of the United Center arena. You'll also have a chance to "measure up to Michael" with interactives to compare your hand, foot, height and wingspan with Jordan's, and to examine the unique physiology to one of the world's greatest athletes.

MORTIMER FITZGERALD CENTER AND MARIST BOOKSTORE



Hawkinson Ford helps create health for the mind and body

Last October Marist High School began its campaign to raise funds for a new fitness center and walk in bookstore. To help make this campaign a reality, Hawkinson Ford's Friends of the Community Program, donated \$1,000 towards the completion of this project.

With more students and faculty making fitness their priority, the current facility, with its minimal outdated equipment, was no longer able to sustain the growing number of people trying to use it. The new building will solve this problem by creating a larger space and featuring state of the art cardiovascular equipment, plate loading machines, and free weights. This fitness center will be a great asset to the athletic programs, physical education and health classes at Marist High School.

A new walk in bookstore will be a great way for Marist to promote school spirit while generating revenue for the school. The bookstore will be filled with a full line of Marist wardrobe and materials. The store will open and available on a regular basis to parents, alumni, and students, as well as evening events and via the internet.

Tom Inzinga, a representative from Marist High School stated, "The Burbank Park District

Hawkinson donation was a great stepping stone in getting these two projects up and running. Lisa Hawkinson is a great representative for the Friends of the Community Program. She is always willing to listen and lend a helping hand. It is almost like getting help from a friend. You always know you can count on her. The Hawkinson organization has really taken it upon themselves to do whatever they can in making the community a better place."

Friends of the Community is a community relations effort of Hawkinson Ford in Oak Lawn to assist area schools and not for profit organizations in the community. Hawkinson Ford was established in 1961 by Robert R. Hawkinson and is now run by his four sons and their wives. The dealership continues to be the number one Ford dealer in Illinois. Visit Hawkinson Ford on the web at www.hawkinsonford.com.

the New York Knicks on Friday, December 1. Take advantage of this special family price of \$23 for ticket and roundtrip transportation. For more information contact the Burbank Park District at (708) 599-2070.

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To retire early, plan early

It seems that early retirement is becoming the rule, rather than the exception, these days. Not only are many people choosing to retire before the traditional age of 65, but companies are seeking to reduce costs by offering employees attractive severance packages before they reach 65.

Regardless of the reasons, early retirement places a premium on sound advance financial planning. Among the many financial realities you must anticipate are:

*Without a full time job, your income is likely to drop sharply.

*Your company's pension and/or profit sharing plan probably will pay less on a monthly basis if you retire early.

*If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), withdrawals taken before age 59 1/2 are taxed as ordinary income and may be subject to a 10% penalty, unless they are paid out in substantially equal payments (based on your life expectancy) for at least five years or until you reach age 59 1/2.

*The earlier you retire, the

longer the period of your retirement you will need to finance, especially in light of the fact that people are living longer.

*If you accept an early retirement or severance package, you may receive a large lump sum that will need to be invested carefully over a long term.

The complexity of these and related retirement issues suggest that you start planning well in advance of your projected retirement date. A candid look at your finances may suggest you rethink your retirement plans.

The key to retirement planning, as with any investing, is to set realistic objectives. Lifestyle questions, such as where and how you plan to live, are critical, as is your health and that of your spouse. Any long term illness or special medical needs could place severe limitations on your retirement plans.

Next, make a thorough analysis of your present financial situation. Start with a review of your assets, which include your home, bank account balances, investments, pension/profit

sharing benefits and personal property -- anything that could be converted to cash.

Go through the same process with your liabilities, which include any amounts that you owe (mortgages, car loans, credit card balances, etc.). Deduct the liabilities from your assets to calculate your "nest egg" -- the funds you can use to finance your retirement.

Here's where the planning process gets tricky. You must match the income and growth potential of your assets against your retirement objectives to see if you will be able to afford your desired lifestyle. If not, you may need to make some trade offs in retirement choices, or consider postponing retirement for a few more years.

If you have simple assets, the next major issue is how to invest them for retirement. Conventional wisdom has been to invest for income and minimize grade bonds, treasury bills, and Certificates of Deposit. However, this strategy ignores the effects of inflation. Even today's moderate inflation rate can have a devastating effect on the pur-

chasing power of investment income in 10 or 20 years.

There is no single investment strategy that is right for early retirement. An ideal portfolio will incorporate current income, growth of principal and tax advantaged investments to help ensure that you do not out live your assets -- a real concern with early retirement.

This is a simplified look at early retirement planning. In reality, few individuals are in a position to accurately assess such variables as retirement costs, tax consequences, health costs and insurance, the impact of inflation and maximized yield from assets.

Therefore, it is always prudent to consult a qualified financial advisor early in the planning process. A professional not only can help you find solutions, but can also help you ask the right questions to help you enjoy the rest of your life.

The College Illinois plan helping with college costs

College Illinois!, the state-backed prepaid tuition program, launches its 3rd annual enrollment period this week following the College Board's announcement of another 5% average hike in college tuition nationwide and amidst an anxious population of parents ill-equipped for such increases. In fact, a survey by the Illinois Board of Education states that 3 out of 4 Illinoisians believe that "families are not doing a good job saving for college."

Illinois parents are not alone in their lack of preparedness. The College Savings plan Network, an association of the state program administrators, reports that 51% of U.S. families save less than \$5,000 before their students enter college, and 29% save nothing.

Nonetheless, during the past 2 years, many Illinois parents and grandparents aware of the need to plan for college early and motivated by the level of certainty and control over future college costs that the program offers have purchased more than 17,000 *College Illinois!* prepaid contracts.

According to a recent survey conducted by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), contract purchasers of the program overwhelmingly cite "certainty of benefits" and the ability to "lock in a price" today for tomorrow's tuition as the

High School and is currently attending Marion Military Institute in Alabama.

most influential factors affecting their purchase. While contract prices are pegged to the cost of tuition and fees at Illinois public university and community colleges, contract benefits can be used at public and private colleges and universities all across the United States.

"According to ISAC research, *College Illinois!* purchasers are more concerned about controlling college costs than about the potential for high returns from investments," said *College Illinois!* director Randy Erford. "These families also highly value our program's backing by the State of Illinois."

More than half of the purchasers surveyed mentioned flexibility to choose and change benefits and payment plans as key in their decision to buy *College Illinois!* prepaid tuition plans. The program also offers a variety of payment options to ensure affordability for all levels of income--in fact, monthly payments range as low as \$19/ month for a Community College Plan. Families may choose lump-sum or installment payments, including a new annual payment plan. Monthly installment plans are also available, some with down payment options.

College Illinois! will accept applications through February 28th, 2001. For more information call 1-877-877-3724 or by visiting the web site, www.collegeillinois.com.

Military News

Army National Guard Private Kevin P. Hastings has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Missouri. He is the son of Robert E. Hastings of Chicago. Hastings is a 2000 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School.

Raymond A. Metzger has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Advanced Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Washington. Metzger is a 1999 graduate of Oak Lawn Community

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Clearing Civic League Christmas Party

The party will be held on December 12, Tuesday, at the Heritage Manor at 5540 S. Narragansett. The time is 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The menu will consist of roast turkey with dressing, beef with brown gravy, Italian sausage with green peppers, tossed salad, mashed potatoes, mostaccioli, peas and carrots, and finger dumplings. Beer, soda, wine, and coffee will be free. Cash bar on hard liquor.

The cost is \$13 per person and can be paid to Marie or Richard Zilka or to Mary Kucera at the November meeting.

Free Shuttle Shopping Bus

The Chicago Department of Aging is providing a free bus service to shop at a store on Archer Ave. There are to be three pick up points. The pick up point must have an indoor waiting area and a telephone available. This is for shelter in the winter months and for the driver to be able to contact the shoppers in case of delay.

Richard Zilka called Sean Cardona at the 23rd Ward Office for an update on the shuttle bus and was told that the service is beginning at the Southwest Senior Club at Archer and Menard.

Because the Clearing seniors need a pick up point, Richard Zilka called Father Mark at St. Symphorosa and he said it would be a good idea. Richard told the Alderman's office to contact Father Mark.

Zilka also contacted Linda Dougherty, head librarian at the Clearing Library at 5643 W. 63rd Pl., and she is in favor of the library being a pickup point. Sean Cardona was advised that the library would be available as a bus stop for seniors.

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Chicago Cultural Center Exhibition Highlights

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Botanica presents and interprets artwork in many different media by a large and varied group of 58 contemporary artists, primarily from the United States, with representatives from Sweden, Canada and England. These artists consistently and seriously utilize forms, concepts and systems from the plant world, in order to express a variety of ideas about how botanical entities are meaningful to us.

As can be expected, many works in the exhibition exploit the undeniable beauty of plant forms. Others allude to the practices of science, natural history and environmentalism, while yet others derive meaning from references to historical and cultural associations with plants.

The exhibition should have a great appeal to lovers of art and plants, science educators and their students of all ages, and individuals involved in environmental causes.

J. F. Kennedy High School

Mr. Paul G. Vallas, Chief Executive Officer, Chicago Public Schools, attended a meeting at Kennedy H.S. I, Richard Zilka, brought up the problem of the washrooms on the 3rd floor, which are

closed because of lack of security. He promised that the high school would get the security they need to open the washrooms so that the students would not need to run from the 3rd floor to the second floor to use those washrooms and then possibly have to run back to the 3rd floor for their next class.

Also, Mr. Vallas said that if enough students are interested in joining a ROTC club at Kennedy H.S. he would approve it. Therefore, parents and students, if you are interested, please call (773) 535-2325, ext. 129 and let them know.

Mr. Vallas stated that the lab departments of Kennedy H.S. are repaired.

If you have any musical instruments in fair to good condition that you would like to donate to the J. F. Kennedy High School music department, please contact Mr. Robert Schmidt or Mr. W. Hill at (773) 535-2325.

Garfield Ridge Civic League's Christmas party

Our Christmas party is Sunday, December 10, 2000. It will be held from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m. at Flamingo Cafe located at 6071 S. Archer. Hot family style dinner will be served.

Cost of ticket is \$15. They will be available at our meeting on November 20, 2000 and can also be purchased at the door the day of the party. Our annual fundraiser raffle will take place after dinner.

No Garfield Ridge Civic League meeting will be held in the month of December.

THANKSGIVING

Military News

Marine Corps Private Richard E. Little, son of Rhonda T. and Richard T. Little of Chicago, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. Little is a graduate of Marie Curie High School in Chicago.

Air Force Airman Francessca P. Phillips has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Verna Phillips of Evergreen Park. Phillips is a 2000 graduate of Howard Alternative High School.

Army Private Martin L. Pierce has graduated from the light-wheel vehicle mechanic advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. Pierce is the son of Dewey C. and Pamela L. Pierce of Burbank. He is a 1998 graduate of Reavis High School.



Pictured is last year's Holiday Tree which was made up of 25 balsam firs, from Tomahawk, Wisconsin. It featured 7,000 lights and 300 stunning new ornaments ranging from 18 inches to five feet wide. Many reflected the theme of the Millennium.

87th Annual Chicago Holiday Tree Lighting set for Nov. 24

The 87th Annual City of Chicago Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Friday, November 24th, at Daley Plaza.

The ceremony will feature live musical entertainment. Mayor Richard M. Daley will officiate the lighting of the holiday tree. The festivities begin at 4 p.m. and with the flip of a switch, Mayor Daley will put the sparkle in Chicago's Holiday Season.

There are many more special events planned for the holidays including:

The Jingle Elf Parade
Thursday, November 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the parade will march north along State Street from Congress Parkway to Randolph

Street. Approximately 100 units, including marching bands, giant balloons, floats and specialty groups will participate.

Christkindlmarket Chicago 2000

11a.m. to 4 p.m. Sneak preview on Thanksgiving Day. The Christkindlmarket is patterned after the famous outdoor markets of Germany. The market will feature more than 50 booths offering handmade glass ornaments, wooden toys, cuckoo clocks, nutcrackers and gingerbread.

A selection of both German and American food will be offered. The Grand Opening Ceremony will begin in the afternoon, Friday, November 24 and will be open

through December 20. Hours are 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Skate on State

The Skating season begins mid-December (weather permitting) and ends the 3rd week of February, 2001. The rink is open to the public and the admission is free. Week-day hours are from 9 a.m. to 7:15 p.m. Thursday nights it's open late, from 7:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Ice skate rentals are available, \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

For more information call the Mayor's Office of Special Events at 312-744-3315 or log on to www.cityofchicago.org/speialevents.

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Palos Hills suffers from Cook County's mistakes

by Jude Coyle

John Dervas of Palos Hills addressed the City Council on November 16, one more time about how difficult it is to maintain his property after Cook County repaired 103rd Street. According to an ordinance enacted by the City of Palos Hills, homeowners are required to maintain City owned parkways as they would their own lawns. Dervas complained that when Cook County repaired 103rd Street, they built a drainage and an incline so steep that he is physically unable to mow it. Alderman Andy Galette agreed, saying that Mr. Dervas has always taken pride in his property.

Mayor Bennett had suggested earlier, that Mr. Dervas contact Cook County and ask them for help. Cook County must maintain most of that area, why not Dervas's as well. According to Mr. Dervas, he has called several times, and has even written Cook County President John Stroger. He hasn't received an answer. Mayor Bennett promised to add some leverage on Mr. Dervas's behalf.

Taking the same project one step further, Alderman Pauline Stratton reported on continuing difficulties at Oak Ridge School. When repairing 103rd Street and 88th Avenue, Cook County officials decided that the driveway exiting the school parking lot onto 88th Avenue was situated too close to the corner. In place of a concrete or black top exit, the County planted grass.

Alderman Stratton reported that an ambulance was recently called on behalf of an injured child. The ambulance had difficulty, she said, turning

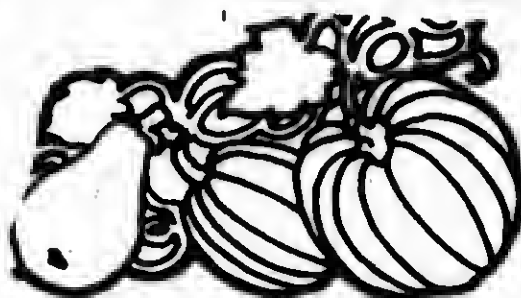
around in the small lot. "If they had placed a gate there instead of grass," Stratton said, "We could move it in an emergency."

According to Stratton, the school has been operating for the past 36 years without incident, and doesn't understand why now this has become an issue. "The exit hasn't exactly inched closer to the intersection."

She is concerned that the safety of the children, 3rd, 4th and fifth graders, has been compromised. "There's not enough room in that lot for an emergency vehicle like a fire truck" Parents, who used to enter one way and exit the other when picking up or dropping off children, are now clogging the lot. "Children are children. They chase balls, and each other, and aren't always watching," she commented.

Buses used to enter the parking lot off of 88th Avenue, and exit onto 103rd. Now they line up behind the school. There isn't enough room for a bus to turn around.

Cook County has placed a light at that intersection, which Alderman Stratton is sure helps. 88th Avenue, she explained, takes much of the traffic from Moraine Valley. 103rd is also busy. She has contacted Cook County officials asking that flashing yellow lights are installed, but just like Mr. Dervas, has been ignored.



THANKSGIVING

Chicago Ridge Village Board hits on two sticking points

by Jude Coyle

The Village of Chicago Ridge Board addressed two sticky issues at their November 6, Board Meeting. First, was the negotiation of the Administrative and Public Works Union Contract. According to Village Labor Attorney Nick Cetwinski, the contract includes the reclassification of three positions. The General Superintendent for Building and Grounds, and two Tech 1 positions, one for Streets and 1 for Water, would now become Working Foremen.

Trustee George Ryniak questioned the idea of promoting three individuals into the position of foreman at a higher rate of pay, when the contract between the Village and the Union does not contain a job description, or a list of job duties. He had problems with this, he said, because the disciplinary procedure would become confused without clear instructions of what these employees are and aren't responsible for.

The reason, Attorney Cetwinski explained, is that when told to do something not contained within a job description, the Union is often called in to settle a grievance. A caveat would be written into the contract stating that any and all extra duties asked for by the employer would be considered part of the duties.

Asked what would happen if the contract wasn't approved that night, Attorney Cetwinski said that he

would return to the bargaining table. A vote was called to approve the contract as is. Trustees Ryniak, Socha and Babcock voted against. Mayor Siegel broke the tie by voting no. He said that he wants a clarification of these appointments and their duties.

Another sticking point came when the Board awarded a contract bid to the company that would be responsible for creating and maintaining the Village's web site. Mr. Curtis Anderson of Municipal Web Services answered the Board's questions. This is a Michigan based company. They have created municipal web sites all over the country, including Wheeling, Streamwood, Hanover Park, Palwaukee Airport, Roselle Public Library, and a 1/2 dozen other cities or villages in Illinois. The web site they created for Niles, Michigan has won awards for its comprehensiveness.

On the web site, Village Clerk Charles Tokar plans to include meeting minutes, a list of department heads with phone numbers and duties of each, Trustees, agendas, building applications, industrial parks demographics, Village demographics, among other things.

Recently, Mr. Tokar explained, a study was made of their current web services. He was curious to see how many times ordinances would be requested via the internet.

According to Mr. Tokar, the ordinance book was hit 9 times in six days. For that reason, he wants to include the ordinance book. He talked about links with the Library and Park District, and other government agencies.

Clerk Tokar went on to explain that Freedom of Information Act requests filed over the internet is controversial. He doesn't feel that the Village would honor those request as by law, the requests must be signed. He also said that he plans to use a second server for confidential information like personnel, payroll, etc.

Trustee Don Pratt pointed out that this was by far, not the lowest bidder. That a woman from this area had quoted much less. She had created several web sites for local businesses. Municipal Web Services quoted \$13,850, with a \$45 an hour charge for updating.

Clerk Tokar explained that yes, he realized that this is high compared to the other. This was the second lowest bid. The main selling point was the fact that this is a company that works specifically with municipalities, whereas the Individual Pratt spoke of had not worked with one yet. Another reason is that when the Village first decided to use computers, an individual was hired to write and maintain software. That individual worked weekly for the Village and exclusively on this. Mr. Tokar wondered

what would happen to the software if this individual became incapacitated. Mr. Anderson promised to provide training for Village employees as part of their sales package.

Trustee Juanita Babcock concurred. The same thing happened at the Library. When the person responsible for maintaining the computers left, someone had to make major changes.

The vote was called. The Board voted five to one to award the contract to Municipal Web Services. Trustee Don Pratt voted against.

Christmas musical celebration

Palos Park Presbyterian Community Church, 12312 S. 88th Ave., Palos Park, announces the presentation of a Christmas Musical Celebration on Sunday, December 10, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. featuring Chancel Choir with organist Linda Vander Laan, string quintet, and harp as well as guest soloists. Music will include the "Christmas Oratorio" by Camille Saint Saens, traditional carols, and other instrumental pieces.

All music will be under direction of Dr. Julie Rawls, director of Music Ministries at the church. A freewill offering will be taken at the door. Childcare is available for preschool and under. For more information call the church office at (708) 448-5220.

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Oak Lawn village board defers air conditioning dispute

By F J Soczek

It has become a hallowed, time-honored tradition within the Village of Oak Lawn. *Build First, Obtain Permits Later.*

Much of the most recent Village Board meeting was spent second-guessing the

Chicago Southland hosts grant writing workshop

The Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau will host a grant writing workshop to assist those applying for local tourism matching grants on Thursday, December 7 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Bureau offices, 2304 173rd. Street in Lansing.

The Bureau's local tourism matching grant program is designed to provide funding for the promotion and marketing of tourism attractions and events to the visitor. Past projects have included brochure design and printing, advertising, and website development, among others.

Open to municipalities and not-for-profit organizations in the south and southwest suburbs of the Chicago Southland, the program's objectives are to increase visitor travel and overnight stays in the region, which ultimately has a positive effect on the economy. Some \$66,000 in local tourism matching grant funds are available per year, and a variety of projects are funded during each of the three grant cycles.

Please call Kim Kisolowski at (708)895-8200 for more info.

expertise, as well as the unanimous decision of its very own Planning and Development Commission.

At issue was the position of two air conditioning units placed between two residential properties in violation of Village code.

On August 11, 2000 homeowner John Keany, 9533 South Menard, filed a petition "requesting a variation of an air conditioner (s) to be located on the south side of the house."

The reason given by Mr. Keany for the request was "The lines for the air conditioning were (installed) in January and the heating contractor was unaware of the codes."

The initial Appeals Board hearing was held September 6, 2000, to consider Mr. Keany's request for a variance in positioning his 2 air conditioners.

But the air conditioners were already installed. Within inches of the neighbor's bedroom windows next door.

Appeals board member Goodfriend noted the contractors listed on Keany's petition as Dan O'Donnell and Cottage Sheet Metal.

She (Goodfriend) asked if they were standard contractors in the Village.

Mr. McKenna, Chief Building Engineer/Office of Quality Control, responded "Yes."

When Commissioner Goodfriend inquired how they could be unaware of the ordinance if they do work in the village, meeting notes reflect the following: "Apparently the individual who did the installation did not know."

Another aspect of this matter is quite apparent.

On a Plat of Survey, prepared by Dennis Connolly on November 20, 1999 and presented as part of Keany's petition for a variance, the position of the errant air conditioners is quite explicit.

It appears exceptionally close to the next door neighbor's property line. Despite the fact the entire back yard and rear of the house is available.

It is assumed such construction documents are tendered to the Public Works department before construction permits are issued.

It is also assumed such documents are carefully examined to prevent obvious code violations. And costly rectification.

But in Oak Lawn, one should never assume.

The Village, in good faith, enlists the services of a competent panel to adjudicate such matters.

Commissioner Goodfriend concisely summed up the dilemma. According to meeting notes:

"The AC units were installed first and then brought to the Appeals Board. This request should have been made before the units were installed. They (the petitioner, Keany) had ample opportunity to put the units on the north side of the building instead of the south. The neighbors to the north have a garage and driveway that would separate them from the units."

On September 6, the Appeals Board also requested Keany to try the air conditioner after a fence was installed, for purposes of ascertaining noise levels.

During a hearing on

October 4, Mrs. Keany stated this was not done.

As a result, five Board of Appeals members unanimously denied the ex post facto request for a zoning variance.

When the noise question arose during the Tuesday night Board of Trustees meeting, neighbors testified Keany never adhered to the Commission's request to run the AC unit.

It was noted the neighbors themselves have an AC unit, installed 30 years ago, which is technically in "violation" of the ordinance. But the neighbors offered to move their unit, if so requested.

Mr. Keany doesn't want to move his AC unit to his back yard. He wants to build a brick patio.

At the request of the Mayor, the parties were urged to go back and try to "settle" the matter amongst themselves.



Girl Scout troop helps village pantry

Junior Girl Scout troop 759 recently helped the Evergreen Village Pantry Coalition's annual food drive by donating non-perishable pantry items to aid the less fortunate during the holiday season. The girls brought their donation to the pantry and had an overview of how the pantry operates. Pictured clock-wise left to right: Nancy Joyce (Assistant) Denise Moulton (Leader), Jackie Daker, Samantha Gonzolez, Allysa McFarlane, Jackie Vanderlee, and Harold Dysktra (Pantry volunteers), Kaitlyn Joyce, Alexandra Moulton, Erin Connolly, Nicole Cihocki, and Collen Ryan (Co-Leader), not pictured.



St. Rita senior class officers

St. Rita of Cascia High School recently announced Senior Class Officers for the 2000-2001 school year. The officers efforts throughout the school year will center on this year's theme, "Keeping Tradition Alive Through Spirit and Commitment." Pictured sitting from left: Tyrus Lazard, Mike Kleinick, Dan Johnson; Standing from left: Tom Gergits, Senior Class Moderator Todd Kuska, Matt Taube.

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Dance offers remedy for age related stiffness

by: Jude Coyle

As a child, Joseph Pilate, suffered from rickets, back trouble, lung and breathing problems. He served in the German military prior to World War II. During that time, he was still conscious of early health problems. He developed exercises that would help him to breathe properly, increase his range, flexibility, and stamina.

His method, the Pilate method, has been covered recently in Vogue and Harpers magazines. Celebrities like Julia Roberts, Bill Murray, Cindy Crawford and Michael Keaton are using it.

Sheri Senese of the Conservatory of Dance, 10339 Pulaski, is teaching it. She explains, "As we get older, our mobility decreases. By age 40, we are unable to do things that we had years before." This system works with isometrics, the head, shoulders and neck. It involves 400 exercises, all of which will extend range, flexibility, stretch and stamina.

"This is not about sweating," she said. "It's mild, deeper." And it is not a weight reducing class, although many people do lose weight. Participants sit on a mat, or stretch out on their sides. "We put on music, soothing music."

A few years ago, life-long friends came to Ms. Senese asking for help. They were sisters and both were obese. They were frightened, one claiming that she couldn't breathe very well, and slept in a chair. Ms. Senese commented that neither sister exercised, nor did they watch their dietary intake. She developed a Pilates based program in which her friends worked three 1 hour sessions a week. After six months, Ms. Senese enlisted the aide of a dietician. After a year of diet and exercise, one friend had lost 95 lbs, and the other had lost 106.

Ms. Senese told of another friend who realized that at age 40, she had difficulty in moving her torso. This woman, Ms. Senese said, weighed 90 lbs. The program worked for her as well.

Beginning classes are conducted on Saturdays

at 9 am. This is an eight week class, costing \$75. Participants should bring an exercise mat and wear loose clothing. Ms. Senese conducts 7 Pilates based classes a week. She teaches 2 levels after the beginning level. She also sponsors Pilates workshops.

Sheri Senese owns the Dance Conservatory at 10339 Pulaski (phone 773-239-2042), and has been at that location for twenty years. She teaches ballet, preballet, variations and modern dance from ages 3 to adult. Students are serious, and many are thinking of making dance their careers. Others dance for the love of dance. "It is an art form," Senese said. "They love the movement and the feeling of movement."

She has trained in Chicago, in New York, Lon-

don and Copenhagen, and has danced professionally for companies all over the world. She has also taught dance at St. Xavier College and at Barat College in Lake Forest.

After a recent Pilates classes, one of the students described her feeling of empowerment. "I feel like I can climb a mountain now."

M V C C trustees meeting

The committee meeting of the Moraine Valley Community College Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, December 6, at 6:30 P.M..

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by Annette Dixon

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Sheri Senese



Brother Rice students taught the dangers of drunk driving

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The traveling program is designed to teach young drivers about the danger of drunk driving and give them an idea of how common sense and driving ability can diminish after only a few drinks.

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For those born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: You have the strength to overcome anything in life, and this month proves it. A letter, or some message, makes you want to help at any cost. L aids and someone born in Capricorn and Leo.

For those born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Don't be misled by appearance. You may be much better off or wiser than the person involved. A and C can help you if you ask in regards to money.

For those born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You seem to attract the opposite sex without even trying. Still, you should spruce up your appearance, buy clothes and go to exciting places. Cancer and W aid.

For those born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: The recent shadows of doubt, health concerns and money worries should be coming to and end. You know what to do, when, how, with whom, etc. Someone in the sign of Aries and N aid.

For those born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Charisma? You have it. It appears that whomever you want, whatever you want, when you want it and why you want it all seems to be bending your way. L aids.

For those born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Money matters discussed turn out well if you'll compromise. Still, you cannot simply sit back and let others decide what is best for you. Be ready to travel. Forgiveness heals. A aids and a Pisces too.

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"ZaprasZamy!" comes to the Rosemont Theater

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"ZaprasZamy!", which means "we invite you" is the first-ever American musical of Polish song and dance. It features a talented cast of more than 70 artists, including a full orchestra and au-

thentic, beautiful costumes. The production highlights the breathtaking range of traditional Polish music from folk to Chopin.

"ZaprasZamy!" spotlights the charming music of the regions of Poland that are the ancestral home of most Polish Americans, as well as mid-summer night traditions

and exciting, athletic dances.

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St. Rita inducts students into National Honor Society

St. Rita of Cascia High School recently inducted sixty-eight seniors into its National Honor Society. Students must meet high standards in order to qualify for this prestigious honor, and are chosen based on their embodiment of the four key elements of the National Honor Society: Scholarship, character, leadership, and service. Students inducted in NHS are listed as follows: Robert Bauer, Joshua Biros, Scott Blameuser, Matthew Borner, Michael Boyd, Kevin Brown, Chris Burnhans, Michael Campionie, Kevin Carberry, Jason Carney, Patrick Casey, Patrick Cavanaugh, Christopher Chojowski, Douglas Chuick, Brandon Cloman, Michael Conley, Patrick Connelly, James Dion, Peter Ferreri, Daniel Fitzgibbon, Anthony Forde, James Foy, Matthew Gordon, James Griffin, William Hilmert, Daniel Hoffman, Thomas Huguélet, Sean Janda, Daniel Johnson, Sean Johnston, Michael Kleineck, Paul Koranda, Justin Krone, John Krunze, Stephen Larsen, Ignacio Lopez, Jr., Christopher Loving, Russel Lygowski, Ronald Mazique, Patrick Mc Carthy, Michael McCormick, Michael Mc Weeney, David Mohrs, William Moxley, Matthew Nash, Benjamin Nowicki, John O'Rourke, Michael Ortega, Ivan Palmamora, Marc-Loius Papryzca, Alfred Reed, Jr., Anthony Rodriguez, Matthew Sands, Andre Senegal, Neil Sharp, Brian Sizemore, Mark Stachnick, Kevin Statham, Michael Stawski, Kevin Staham, Joseph Stutalo, Matthew Taube, James Tolliver III, Nick Vasselli, Juan Valezquez, Daniel Velcich, Brett Westphal, Rob White, and Joseph Wilson.

Ho! Ho! Ho!

On Track Singles plan December events

On Track Singles of St. Mary Star of the Sea at 6435 S. Kilbourne in Chicago has several events planned for the month of December:

December 9 (Saturday) at 4pm. The group will leave St. Mary's parking lot for the Orange Line to travel to the popular Dick's Last Resort at Navy Pier. Besides good food, this will be a chance to check out the festive holiday decorations at the pier. Call Lucy Steven at (773) 778-8239.

December 16th (Saturday). The group will return to the popular, laid-back CD CAFE coffee house. They will leave St. Mary's south parking lot at 8p.m. and travel to Archer & Massasoit for beverages, ambiance, and great conver-

sation. Contact Lucy for this event, too.

December 28th. Like to skate? Like to try? Join us at the outdoor rink at West Lawn Park at 66th and Kildare. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. Admission and skate rental is \$6. We will skate for over an hour, then head to Orlando's for dinner! Call John Bobek (773)585-8242.

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Holiday customs have been under attack for centuries

Champaign, IL. A quick holiday quiz: Name one ancient Christmas tradition. If you answered "attacking the institution of Christmas," you would be right.

So says Elizabeth Pleck, a professor of American history at the University of Illinois. According to Pleck, the current criticism of Christmas as a purchasing holiday - where Santa Claus is the secular saint of consumerism and the jingle of cash registers drowns out the "Hallelujah" chorus - is centuries behind earlier attacks on the holiday. Discontent with Christmas has deep roots, Pleck argues.

For example, an early attack came in the fourth century when St. Gregory Nazianzen, the bishop of Constantinople, expressed "the fear that 'the fear that' in making merry, the populace was destroying the true meaning of Christmas. He urged Christians to commemorate the birth of Jesus in a heavenly rather than an earthly manner."

Christmas also came under scathing attack in colonial America, since it often was celebrated as a festival of drunken and unruly merry-making - carousing, begging, overeating, and masquerading.

"Wherever the Anglicans dominated in the seventeenth century," Pleck wrote in her book "Celebrating the Family," "normal values were flouted and reversed." Typically, costumed young men banged on the doors of the wealthy and demanded the best food and drink in the house. Such merriment was tolerated largely because it was viewed as a social safety valve.

In the 1960s, 19th century complaints about Christmas having gone too commercial were "mixed with news ones," Pleck argues in a chapter in a forthcoming book titled "Christmas: The Reli-

gion of Consumer Capitalism," (Richard Horsely and James Tracey, Editors). Social unrest, alienation and movements for self, ethnic and gender identities of the 1960s tended to legitimize various complaints: Christmas was too white, too Christian, too commercial, too depressing and too labor-intensive.

In response to some of these feelings, a cultural expression of black power gave birth to Kwanzaa, a seven-day holiday just following Christmas. The celebration went mainstream in the 1980's and promoted the rediscovery of lost African heritage. Jewish group consciousness in the '60s allowed American Jewish organizations to contest the seasonal Christianization of public

It also helped make Hanukkah, a minor Jewish holiday, into a major one. Meanwhile, mothers and other working women who had been juggling heavy seasonal burdens made their claims of physical exhaustion and depression heard. In 1967, for example, Redbook magazine writer Harriet Van Horne conceded to her readers that Christmas had become "an obligatory, mandatory backbreaking ritual."

While alienation made African and Jewish Americans feel like outsiders at Christmas time, the complaint of the middle-class American homemaker was "the she was so much of an insider that all the work fell on her," Pleck wrote. The best advice then was: "Cut back, plan more, and think about the charitable possibilities of Christmas."

New invention

Invention Submission Corporation announces that one of its clients from Illinois has designed an accessory that would keep snap off blades in close proximity to a user.

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The inventor, who uses a snap off razor in his job, said, "I have lost many cutters over the years and wanted to develop a way to solve this problem. I designed the *Wrist Mate* because everyone I run into in my industry has a similar complaint."

The original design was submitted to the Chicago office of Invention Submission Corporation. It is currently available for licensing or sale to manufacturers or marketers. For more information, write Dept. 00-CIL-1420, ISC, 217 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, or call (412) 288-1300 ext. 1368.

Founders Bank names new vice president

Helen Socha, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Founders Bank has announced the appointment of Edward Eber to the position of Vice President. Eber brings twenty years of experience in banking, management and operations.

Formally a vice president at Standard Bank and Trust Company, Eber brings extensive knowledge and experience to the bank's loan services department. Eber received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration for marketing and management from St. Xavier University, Chicago, IL.

"I'm glad to be a part of the management team at Founders Bank, where I can apply my banking, administrative and management skills to serve our customers to the fullest," said Eber.

Eber resides in Evergreen Park with his wife and two children.

Founders Bank has offices in Mount Greenwood, Worth, Oak Lawn, Palos Heights, Tinley Park, Minooka, Plainfield, Channahon and will be opening a ninth office next year in Homes Township.

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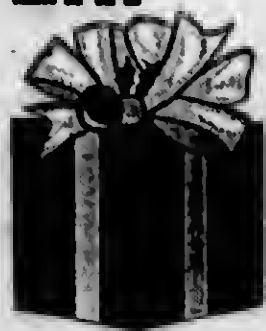
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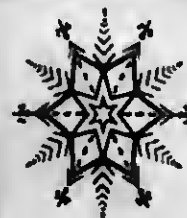
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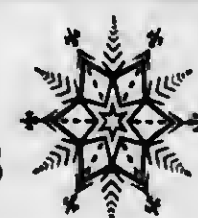
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Drop-off receptacles are located at the library's Circulation Desk and in front of the OXFAM display, first floor. You may donate canceled U.S., worldwide and bulk mail stamps year-round. For additional information call (708) 422-4990.



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Artie Shaw Orchestra to perform holiday concert

The Artie Shaw Orchestra, under the direction of clarinetist Dick Johnson, will perform a holiday concert at Moraine Valley Community College on Saturday, December 9, at 8 PM.

The performance will take place in the college's Dorothy Menker Theater, located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on Campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills. Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$22 for seniors and students.

Artie Shaw first heard a recording of Dick Johnson in 1980 and wrote the following note to Johnson's personal manager. "Dick's clarinet playing, as of this time is the best I've heard, bar nobody, and you can quote me on that, anywhere, any time!"

Johnson had always idolized Shaw. In fact, the first big band recording Johnson ever purchased was Shaw's "Concerto for Clarinet." As leader of the orchestra since 1983, Johnson now performs the song nightly.

Drury Lane announces their 2001-2002 season

John R. Lazzara, C.E.O./ Executive Producer is pleased to announce Drury Lane Theatre's 2001 Season. Our theatre series offers three fantastic shows: *Love, Sex, & The IRS*, a rollicking comedy featuring Dale Benson; *Some Enchanted Evening*, our spring musical featuring the wonderful Broadway showtunes of Rogers and Hammerstein; and our spec-

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The first pencil with an eraser attached was patented in 1858. The patent was awarded to Hyman L. Lipman of Philadelphia.

Burbank school to talk with space station

The students at Burbank School, in Burbank IL., are about to make history. The school will be the first school to communicate with astronaut William Shepherd aboard the first international space station. Burbank School is scheduled to communicate with the space station via ham radio sometime between Nov 27th and December 18th. Twelve students were chosen from the many who auditioned, to speak with Commander Shepherd.

Students of all grade levels have been busy developing questions to ask crew members, designing mission patches, constructing space stations of the future, as well as creating communities in space.

This event is the result of years of communication between NASA and Mrs. Rita Wright, a junior high science teacher. Helping Mrs. Wright in planning and preparation is Burbank School science teacher Sue McNichols.

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Burbank Navy Officer graduates

Navy Petty Officer Kevin J. Sramek of 7703 S. Ave., Burbank, IL., recently graduated from the U.S. Navy Nuclear Power School at Naval Nuclear Training Command, Creek, S.C.

With his newly acquired knowledge, Sramek is prepared to operate a reactor on a nuclear powered submarine or aircraft carrier, ensuring the availability or propulsion and power.

Sramek is a 1999 graduate of Reavis High School in Burbank, IL., and joined the Navy in July, 1999.

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Students of the Quarter at Oak Lawn High School

Ten students at Oak Lawn Community High School have been named Students of the Quarter. The criteria for being nominated include a minimum of a B average, demonstrate responsibility above average effort, consistent growth, and have no unexcused tardies, absences or discipline problems.

This quarter's award winners are:

Social Science:
Ryanne Calascibetta
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David Jodelka
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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

by Kathy Whirity



Clip-Clop the Wonder Horse

There are perhaps two unforgettable Christmas memories that can bring a Yuletide glow, capable of shining in our hearts all the holiday seasons of our lives. One is believing in Santa Claus, and the other is having the opportunity to BE Santa Claus. Oh! the anticipation of Christmas as a child! The counting down the days, the excitement as another Advent candle was lit at church, proof for us church going school students that the big day was indeed getting closer.

The tissue paper wreaths that were made as we sat in front of the T.V. watching the cartoon 'Hard Rock, Coco and Joe on the Garfield Goose Show'. Such happy memories of childhood. But then you become an adult and the magic born again through a whole new generation of hopeful, happy children.

Many years ago, before the joy of parenthood was a reality for the young, married couple, a sweet, little boy named Ryan brought the magic of Christmas into their lives. In his short little span of life, he had taught his aunt the many 'firsts' in baby care. Her maternal skills were developed by trial and error while helping to care for her infant nephew. For example, she had learned from the get-go, that if you plan on giving a newborn baby boy a bath, never, ever leave the undiapered little guy anywhere near your coffee cup - for if you do - you just may find more than coffee in your cup.

He had no way of knowing, but he was the reason Christmas shopping that year was made all the more special.

Toys-R-Us was soon discovered by this novice aunt and uncle, who stood in awe at the aisles and aisles of toys, all ready and waiting to be bought, for good little girls and boys. Fire trucks, erector sets, and dolls called G.I. Joe, seemed to be the predictable toys for boys. How could any of those possibly be exciting for their eight month old nephew?? Up and down the aisles they went, the self-appointed Santa and Mrs. Claus, on a merry mission to find the perfect toy to thrill the newest believer in the family. And soon they found exactly what they were looking for. There, standing out among the traditional rocking horses stood the elegance of 'Clip-Clop The Wonder Horse.' A majestic looking rocking horse, he was unique because, unlike the others, he made noise.

Happy Holidays

Clip-clop, clip-clop, he sounded like a real horse galloping along.

It had been a perfect night for Christmas shopping. The snow was steadily falling and the wind was blustery cold, as the duo made their way home, the reason for their gleeful spirit secured safely in the trunk of their car.

No sooner had the pricey pony been dragged through the front door, when Santa's elf picked up the phone to share her happy news. Who better to understand the excitement than her mom who was also caught up in the excitement of being a first time grandma. "Listen carefully," instructed the daughter as she held the receiver next to the horse's mouth. The grandma listened intently to what sounded like a horse on the giddy-up. "We got Ryan a talking horse," said the Aunt, as her husband stood shaking his head in disbelief. With the phone still placed under the horse's mouth, he pointed to its belly, where the "battery operated voice" was really coming from. Okay, so getting caught up in the moment happened to be her specialty.

Like anxious little kids, they counted down the days. Christmas morning finally dawned and there in front of the tree stood the grandest gift of all, camouflaged by the festive design of a holly and ivy decorated table cloth. From that day forward, old Clip-Clop became a stationary part of the living room furniture as Ryan traded his rocking chair for the adventures of jockeying solo on his majestic steed.

Through the years the family has grown. It has been 20 years since that treasured toy horse trotted into our lives on that long ago Christmas morn. Life has blessed us with 2 children of our own, whom like Ryan, are now on their way to adulthood. There are some things in life that you can't stop from changing. As we kiss our loved one under the mistle toe this year, we may notice that our hair is a little grayer, and there may be a bit more of us to love, but one thing will never change from one holiday season to the next - We'll forever embrace the spirit of family, with its new beginnings and the celebration of knowing that we're all kids at heart as Christmastime.

And that is the cherished wisdom to which every Santa's helper holds dear.



Wedding Ceremony

Joanne B. Alfano and Paul A. Hovorka were married in a double ring ceremony on October 14, 2000 at St. Christopher Church at 2:00 pm. Fr. Robert Stepek, Pastor of St. Albert the Great Church, officiated the ceremony. The bride's brother, Joe, gave her away at the ceremony. Eight couples stood up to the wedding, the girls wore long, orchid gowns. The reception was held at the Sabre Room in Hickory Hills. Joanne is the daughter of Mrs. Joseph Alfano and the late Mr. Joseph Alfano of Crestwood and Paul is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hovorka of North Riverside. The bride is a graduate of Elizabeth Seton High School and received her degree from Lewis University and the groom is a graduate of St. Joseph High School. After their honeymoon to Hawaii, the couple are making their home in Crestwood.

Peace students make GCAC all conference academic team

Queen of Peace High School would like to congratulate the following students who have been selected to the GCAC All-Conference Academic Team. This distinction recognizes Varsity athletes who maintain a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Tennis: Jillian Cashdollar, Alicia Gardas, Stephanie Koss, Megan Kowalski, Laura Murczek, Mary Stewart, Kailey Szalko, and Rachel Williams.

Cross Country: Stephanie Baker, Jill Braun, Delilah DiCrescenzo, Carly Doyle, Mariola Janik, Jennifer Krichbaum, Melissa Mugica, Monica Mugica, Erin Ramsden, Kelly Shinnick.

Volleyball: Katie Birmingham, Stephanie Butkus, Andrea Casey, Lauren Joyce, Kristen North, Theresa

Nugent, Julie Popp, Jessica Steadman, Megan Sullivan, Jessica Tuchowski, and Kristin Vandrey.



Pictured from left: Michael Blake, James Bishop, Br. Jack Hibbard, OSA, Matthew Nash, and Tom Cerceo.

St. Rita announces mustangs of the month

St. Rita of Cascia High School bestows a Mustang of the Month Award every month during the school year to a notable student from each class. Teachers nominate students based on a student's overall involvement in the school - academically,



spiritually, and in extra curricular activities.

The award winners are then chosen from those nominated by an award committee. The Mustangs of the Month for November, 2000 were recently announced at an all school Mass. They are: Senior, Matthew Nash from Chicago-Beverly; Junior James Bishop from Chicago-Ashbur; Sophomore Tom Cerceo from Oak Lawn; Freshman Michael Blake from Chicago-Beverly.

Brosnahan's state funds released by Governor Ryan

On Tuesday, Nov. 28, State Representative James D. Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) announced that Governor George Ryan released \$175,000 in state funds for important projects in the 36th District.

The projects are as follows:

\$150,000 to the village of Blue Island to fund improvements at the Fire Station and 911 Center/City Council Building.

\$20,000 to the PLOWS Council of Aging in Palos Heights to purchase office equipment and a phone system for its new building.

\$5,000 to the Evergreen Park Police Department to fund three D.A.R.E. police officers who will represent programs in two area school districts.



Peace students live mission of service

Queen of Peace students and faculty members joined efforts to brighten the lives of others by participating in Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, November 4. Moderator and faculty member Maria Gonsiorek (standing far left) explained, "Queen of Peace requires students to complete service hours for graduation, however the focus of service goes far beyond this requirement. For example, we discuss issues, such as homelessness, and challenge students to consider the impact of homelessness on families in our society. And we stress that while it is important to promote awareness, it is only when we are of service to one another that the true learning begins." Those of service on Nov. 4 included (pictured left to right, top to bottom) Moderator Maria Gonsiorek, Monica Smith, Danielle Beeck, Mary Berndt, Laura Murczek, Rachel Williams, Liz Gawron, faculty member Kristine Owens, Kathy Cisko, Alicia Gardas, Becky Seymour, Adriana Misterka, Becky Malinowski, Mary Stewart, faculty member Deb Cocanig, Colleen Sheehan, and faculty member Susan Connelly, Amanda Schultz, Katie Campbell, and Megan Lahart.

Hawkinson Ford puts children first

The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn is a newly founded non profit organization that provides educational enrichment and enhanced learning through community oriented activities. As an institution, it seeks to provide children with personal enrichment, opportunities for intellectual, social, emotional, and developmental growth, by empowering children to hone their creative and inventive imaginations.

In teaching children the virtue of cooperation and acceptance, the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn hopes to create positive experiences that will carry through their adult lives. "Through it's growth within the community the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn seeks to inspire continued creative and artistic expression where each child feels self affirmed, valued, individual, and unique."

Due to her involvement in the community and within the educational system of Oak Lawn, Lisa Hawkinson has been asked to sit on the founding board of the Children's Museum. Carol Marsh, a representative from the museum stated that... "Lisa Hawkinson has a heart for the educational system in the Southland and is

always willing to put her heart and soul into giving back to the community."

Through their involvement, Hawkinson Ford's Friends of the Community Program, has contributed greatly to the lives of many children in the Southland. Now, through their participation with the Children's museum in Oak Lawn, Hawkinson Ford's Friends of the Community Program will continue to enrich the lives of children for years to come.

Friends of the Community is a community relations effort of Hawkinson Ford in Oak Lawn to assist area schools and not for profit organizations in the community. Hawkinson Ford was established in 1961 by Robert R. Hawkinson and is now run by his four sons and their wives. The dealership continues to be the number one Ford dealer in Illinois. Visit Hawkinson Ford on the web at www.hawkinsonford.com.

Oak Lawn singer to perform on national TV

Local Oak Lawn resident Davey Justice has landed on Your Big Break, the weekly musical talent show from legendary producer Dick Clark, and will perform on the episode airing on Saturday Night, December 9th, on WPWR-TV at 5:00 pm.

Your Big Break is the one of a kind musical talent show that gives ordinary people the extraordinary opportunity to perform as a famous musical artist. Chosen from more than 10,000 entries, Davey is one of only 108 people selected to compete with other singers from across the country this season, and will be performing the hit song "Twist and Shout" as Paul McCartney from The Beatles. On Your Big Break, the contestants provide the vocal talent and Dick Clark's production team provides the rest - hair, makeup, costumes, lighting, choreography, even back up singers!

Each episode features six talented amateurs, and one winner is decided via an electronically tabulated audience vote. The winner from each episode goes on to the semi finals, and eventually the finals, where the grand prize winner will be awarded \$25,000.



The Crystals

Pictured from left to right: Clara Hoevel, Jan Voogd, Pat Collins (captain), Noelle McDonough, Nancy Aanerud, Trudy Grauzas, Sandy Bock, Christina Bock (alternate), Laura Johnson, Sharon Panek and Barbara Foley. Not pictured: Sandy Gardner.

Local synchronized skating group performances are announced

The Crystals, an adult synchronized formation skating team based at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena, has announced two upcoming public performances. The 11 member team will perform as part of the Oak Lawn Park District's Holly Days on Ice Skating Exhibition on Thursday, Dec. 21, from 6 pm to 9:30 pm at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena, 9320 S. Kenton Ave. Tickets for this event are \$2 for adults and \$1 for ages six through 17. Children under six are free.

After the holidays, the Crystals will be guest skaters at Skate on State on Friday, Jan. 5, 11:40 am. This continuous event is sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Special Events. The outdoor rink is located at Randolph and State Street in Chicago. Skating is free; skate rental is \$3 for adults or \$2 for children.

The Crystals have been skating under the direction of Christine Morris of Woodridge for 11 years, says Pat Collins, Crystals team captain.

"One of the things that is very unique and distinct about our group is that we

represent seven decades," she says. "Our ages range from the twenties through the seventies. We cover almost every age decade."

Collins says the group is always looking for new members, male or female adults who have some skating experience.

"We are an entry level group, but you must know how to skate and stop," says Collins. The group - whose members come from all over the Chicago area - practices on Thursdays at 9:30 pm at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena. Individuals interested in auditioning with the group are welcome at the practices.

Practice pays off for this group. In August, the Crystals received their second consecutive championship at the Ice Skating Institute World Competition in Minneapolis. They placed first in the compulsory program and first in the long program. The team's current members are: Clara Hoevel of Riverdale; Jan Voogd of Glen Ellyn; Nancy Aanerud of Alsip; Trudy Grauzas of Hickory Hills; Laura Johnson of Elgin; Barbara Foley of Orland; Sandy Gardner of Frankfort; Noelle McDonough and Sharon Panek of Chicago; and Pat Collins and Sandy Bock of Oak Lawn.

For more information about the Crystals, please call Oak Lawn Ice Arena at (708) 857-5173.

Vendor fairs generate record number of grant applications

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has announced that the Illinois State Library has received a record total of 529 Assistive Technology grant applications for Fiscal Year 2001.

White says the record number of grant applications can be attributed in large part to a series of 10 Assistive Technology Vendor Fairs held around the state in September and October. Approximately 400 citizens, mostly librarians and special education teachers, attended one or more of the fairs.

"These important grants allow Illinois libraries to improve technology and provide state of the art computers and networking equipment," White said. "These state funds are awarded each year through the State Library's Educate and Automate Program, and I anticipate this year's grants will be awarded in January."

White said the number of applications this year is nearly two and one half times the number of applications received in 1999, when 203 libraries applied for funding. Last year, 195 Illinois public libraries were awarded grants.

This year, in recognition

Marist hosts entrance exam

Marist High School invites 8th grade young men to its Class 2005 Placement Test on Saturday, January 13, 2001 at 8:00 am. Students interested in attending Marist are asked to arrive at the Main Gym entrance of the school, 4200 West 115th Street in Chicago, with two No. 2 pencils and a \$20.00 testing fee.

Marist is a Catholic college preparatory school serving the young men of the southwest Chicago community and the surrounding suburbs. Marist seeks to enliven the faith of our students by creating a school environment with "A Heart that Knows No Bounds." Through faculty and student interaction, service projects, and community outreach, our students develop an integrated experience of being leaders of our nation.

of the 10th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Secretary White doubled from five to 10 the number of Assistive Technology vendor exhibits to demonstrate assistive technology products for use in local libraries.

"These vendor exhibits included adaptive technology for computers, software and furniture to suit the physical and working conditions of the user," White said. "In an effort to help libraries fund equipment for the disabled, my office will be offering grant awards of up to \$2,500 each to individual school and public libraries to assist them in obtaining adaptive equipment, with no matching money required."

White commended staff from the state's 12 regional library systems for working with the State Library to greatly facilitate attendance at the vendor fairs by both librarians and vendor representatives. Individual vendors each said that Illinois was the only state that were aware of that went into small local communities to attract potential applicants and customers.

Moraine Valley receives Workforce investment grants

Moraine Valley has received \$299,665 in grants from the Workforce Investment Act to provide academic tutoring and educational support activities to youth and career education to adults and dislocated workers.

The Year Round Youth project grant helps economically disadvantaged youth 14 to 21 years old and continues the summer programs. Services are provided twice a week after school. The program includes small group tutoring/instructional support, career exploration, pre-employment skills, and educational planning activities.

The federal grants also will allow the college to provide career preparation activities to adults and dislocated workers such as assessment of job skills, job search and placement, employment information, and career planning and counseling.

For more information, phone Mark Horstmeyer, director of College and Community Relations, at (708) 974-5275.

Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church

Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church would like to invite the community to their Christmas Eve Service, which will begin at 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 24.

This will be a warm and meaningful candlelight service of carol singing and celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. We are located at 9230 S. Pulaski, in Oak Lawn. For more information, please call (708) 422-5111.

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Nutella Holiday Log

Ginger Cake:

1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup potato starch
2 teaspoons ground ginger
2 tablespoons candied ginger root, finely chopped
4 large eggs
1/4 cup light brown sugar
1/4 cup granulated sugar
2 tablespoons powdered sugar

Orange Cream filling:

2 cups whole milk
2 teaspoons orange zest
1/2 cup granulated sugar
8 large egg yolks
3 tablespoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons unsalted butter

Frosting:

1 stick unsalted butter
2 tablespoons honey
1/2 cup Nutella
3 ounces bittersweet chocolate, melted

Preparation time: 45 minutes

Pre heat oven to 400 degrees. Grease a 12"x17" jelly roll pan, line with aluminum foil, then grease and flour the foil, tapping out excess flour.

Make the ginger cake: In a medium bowl, sift together flour and potato starch. Stir in the gingers and set aside. In another medium, using a hand-held mixer, whip the eggs on medium speed for 2 minutes. Add the sugars, increase to high speed and beat for 5 minutes longer, or until the mixture triples in volume. Fold in the flour mixture in three batches until fully incorporated. Pour in to prepared pan, and spread batter evenly with a spatula. Bake for 8-10 minutes or until surface springs back slightly when touched. Remove the cake from oven and dust your surface lightly with powdered sugar. Lay a towel or large piece of parchment over the cake and cover with a cooling rack. Carefully invert the cake on to the rack and gently remove pan and foil. Starting with the long end, roll the cake up in the towel and let cool completely.

Make orange cream filling: in a heavy-bottom saucepan, bring the milk, zest and sugar to just a boil. Remove from heat. In a bowl, whisk together egg yolks and cornstarch. Slowly add yolk mixture to milk, whisking constantly. While whisking, return pan to medium high heat and boil for 2 minutes. Pour hot cream into heat-proof glass bowl and stir in butter. Cover the surface and refrigerate until completely cooled, about an hour.

Make the chocolate frosting: Beat butter and honey using hand-held mixer. Add Nutella and chocolate and whip until smooth.

Assemble the cake: Unroll cake gently from the towel, trim off 1/4" of each side with a serrated knife and spread surface with orange cream. Re-roll cake. At an angle, cut off a piece 2 inches from one end of cake. Spread roll with 3/4 of the frosting. Place the extra piece flat-side down on top of cake and spread with frosting so it resembles broken branch. Chill for 30 minutes. Serves 12.

Cream Cheese Almond Pudding

Nutella almond custard:

1/4 cup Nutella
2/3 cup heavy cream
2/3 cup granulated sugar
8 tablespoons cream cheese, softened
2 large eggs
4 large egg yolks
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1 tablespoon Amaretto

Nutella Glaze:

1/4 cup Nutella
1/4 cup heavy cream
1 tablespoon Amaretto
1 tablespoon honey
1/2 cup silvered almonds, toasted

Preparation time: 1 hour

Preheat oven to 300 degrees

Make the Custard: Butter one 6 cup heat-proof souffle dish. In a 1qt. saucepan, heat the Nutella, heavy cream and sugar to scald (just below the boiling point). Mix the cream cheese, eggs, yolks, cinnamon and Amaretto in a separate bowl. Slowly whisk in the scalded Nutella cream until completely combined. Strain the mixture into the custard dish. Set the dish inside a larger baking pan. Fill the pan with hot water halfway up the sides of the souffle dish, carefully place in the oven and bake the custard for 45-50 minutes, or until the center no longer jiggles when the pan is tapped. Remove from the oven and allow the custard to cool completely. Refrigerate for 1 hour.

Glaze the Custard: Heat the Nutella, heavy cream, Amaretto and honey in a small pot over medium heat and boil for 2 minutes.

Serving suggestion: In a large parfait glass, alternate one inch layers of cooled custard and glaze, allowing it to set for one minute between layers. Sprinkle the top with toasted almonds and serve. Serves 10

Nutritional information per serving: Calories:302, Fat 20g., Protein 5g., Cholesterol, 80mg., Carbohydrates:26g., Sodium: 67mg

Nutella Holiday Truffles

1 stick unsalted butter
1/4 cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons light corn syrup
1 ounce instant espresso powder
1 cup Nutella
2 ounces semisweet chocolate
1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

Preparation time: 15 minutes

Make the truffles: In a 2 qt. heavy saucepan over medium heat, bring butter, cream, corn syrup and 1 tbslp. of espresso powder to a simmer. Remove the pot from heat and add 1 ounce of unsweetened chocolate and Nutella, stirring until chocolate has melted. Fold in remaining tbslp. of espresso powder. Transfer chocolate/Nutella mixture to a bowl and refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes. Line 2 cookie sheets with aluminum foil. Using a melon baller or teaspoon, scoop out 1" size balls and roll them between your hands to create an evenly round shape and place on sheet pans. Refrigerate while making coating.

Make Coating: Melt semisweet chocolate in a small bowl over a pot of simmering water. remove from heat just before it has completely melted and stir until smooth. One at a time, drop the truffles in to the chocolate, scooping them out with a fork and encourage any excess chocolate to come off by gently tapping the neck of the fork against the edge of the bowl. Roll in cocoa powder. Makes 2 dozen.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories 97, Protein 1 gram, carbs 8 grams, fat 7 grams, cholesterol 11 mg, sodium 11 mg.

Roast Duckling With Apple-Walnut Stuffing



The succulent taste of Maple Leaf Farms duckling makes any meal a memorable occasion. It's tender, juicy and has a deliciously mild flavor.

Nutella Banana Bread with Buttermilk Glaze

Banana Bread:

2 cups flour
1 teaspoons salt
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 stick unsalted butter
1/4 cups Nutella
1/2 cup light brown sugar
3 bananas, ripe
2 large eggs

Nutella Glaze:

1/4 cup Nutella
2 tbs light corn syrup
2 tbs buttermilk
1/2 cup banana chips, chopped

Preparation time: 15 minutes

Make the bread: Preheat oven to 350. Butter and flour a 9"x5" loaf pan. Stir together the flour, salt and baking powder. In a medium bowl, using a hand-held mixer, beat butter, Nutella, sugar and bananas until very creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Stir in the flour mixture. Pour in to loaf pan and bake for 45-50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in to the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack.

Make Glaze: In a small pot, combine Nutella, corn syrup and buttermilk and bring to a boil over medium heat. While glaze is still hot, poke holes in top of banana bread with a skewer and brush glaze over top, using it all. Cover with banana chips and serve. Serves 8.

Nutritional information per serving: Calories 481, Protein 7 g., Carbs 66g., Fat 23g., Cholesterol 78mg., sodium 404mg.

(NAPS)—ROAST DUCKLING WITH APPLE-WALNUT STUFFING

Servings: 4

1 5 lb. Maple Leaf Farms Duckling
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 1/2 cups celery, diced
2 cups cooking apples, peeled, chopped
2 cups 1/4-inch bread cubes
1/4 cup chopped walnuts
2 Tbsp brown sugar
1/4 tsp salt

Preparation:

1. Thaw duckling in refrigerator. Remove bag. Remove neck and giblets from body cavity. Rinse duckling under cold water. Season with salt, pepper and paprika.

2. In medium skillet, over medium heat, melt butter. Add celery; sauté 3 to 4 minutes, until tender not brown. Add apples, bread cubes, walnuts, brown sugar and salt; toss gently to mix.

3. Fill neck and body cavities of duckling loosely with the stuffing. Cover opening of body cavity with aluminum foil. Roast uncovered, breast up, on rack in roasting pan for 30 minutes per pound in preheated 350°F oven. (A five pound duck will take 2 1/2 hours.) Internal temperature will reach 185°F, when measured at the thigh joint. The legs move freely and juices run clear when the duckling is done. Stuffing may be cooked in a separate baking dish during the last 45 minutes of roasting.

Stuffing Variations:

Wild rice, sliced mushrooms, chopped water chestnuts

Dried bread cubes mixed with celery, onions and cooked sausage with herbs

Dried bread cubes mixed with celery, onion, dried cherries and pecan pieces

Dried bread cubes mixed with celery, onion, crumbled cornbread, sage—pan drippings, duck stock or broth

Local students included in Who's Who Among American High School Students

Several students in our circulation area are included in the 34th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students 1999-2000*. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of *Who's Who* students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound. To learn more about *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, visit www.honoring.com. Local students include:

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Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities, and public libraries in the United States.



Arbor Day conservation booklet available

The National Arbor Day Foundation has published a Conservation Trees booklet which is available to the public free of charge. The booklet features the use of colorful photos and illustrations, as well as easy-to-understand descriptions to help people plant and care for trees.

Contents of the guide include: how to use shade trees and windbreaks to save energy in your home; how to attract songbirds to your

yard; how to save trees during construction; how to plant the right trees in the right places; how to create living snow trees; the right way to prune trees as well as other information.

"The Arbor Day Foundation's Conservation Trees program encourages Americans to plant and manage trees to conserve energy, water, wildlife and the atmosphere," John Resenow, the President of the Foundation says. "The Conservation Trees booklet is a central part of this educational project."

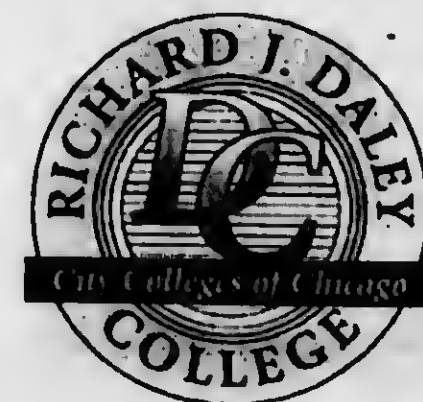
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You'll love these new recipes for Caramelized Onion Bisque. Whether or not the new year finds you trying to lose a few pounds, this cream-style soup is sure to please your palate. You won't even know you're eating "resolution-foods" because you'll be enjoying the flavorful richness of this quick and easy-to-make meal.

The culinary professionals at Pioneer Brand have developed two versions of this popular new taste combination. Both recipes use lots of onion, chicken or beef broth, and no-fat country or brown gravy mix. The onions take on a sweet flavor when just a bit of brown sugar is used to caramelize them; they soften and turn golden brown as the sugar liquifies. The flavor is enhanced even more with a splash of wine or sherry and a bit of Swiss cheese. "The gravy mix adds just the right seasonings and thickening needed for the soup, without adding any fat," says Marrgi Walstrom, culinary professional for Pioneer Brand. "When I'm entertaining friends, I serve small portions of this rich soup as a first course to excite the taste buds and whet the appetite. Everyone loves it!" says Ms. Walstrom.

Serve the bisque with Rosemary Biscuit Sticks, hot and fresh, straight from the oven.

Creamy Caramelized Onion Bisque

The evaporated skim milk adds more creaminess to this soup.

4 large sweet onions, chopped (such as Vidalia; about 6 to 8 cups)
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons canola oil
2 cans (14 1/2 oz. each) or 1 carton

Tasty New Year's Resolution: Give Up Calories, Not Flavor! Serve Bisque with Biscuit Sticks



(32 oz.) fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
1/3 cup white wine
1 package (2.75 oz.) Pioneer No-Fat or Regular Country Gravy Mix
1/2 cup cool water
1 can (12 oz.) evaporated skim milk
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese (4 oz.)
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley, if desired

In large saucepan, cook and stir onions, brown sugar and oil until onions are tender, about 10 minutes. Stir in chicken broth and wine; heat to boil. Reduce heat; simmer 10 minutes. In small bowl,

dissolve gravy mix in water; stir into onion mixture. Cook and stir until slightly thickened. Remove from heat; add milk and cheese. Stir until cheese is melted. Garnish with parsley or additional cheese. Makes 8 servings.

Caramelized Onion Bisque

This version uses beef broth and brown gravy mix to season the cream soup.

4 large sweet onions, chopped (such as Vidalia; about 6 to 8 cups)
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons canola oil
2 cans (14 1/2 oz. each) beef broth

1/3 cup dry sherry
1 package (1.61 oz.) Pioneer No-Fat or Regular Brown Gravy Mix
1/2 cup cool water
1 cup skim milk
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese (4 oz.)
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley, if desired

In large saucepan, cook and stir onions, brown sugar and oil until onions are tender, about 10 minutes. Stir in beef broth and sherry; heat to boil. Reduce heat; simmer 10 minutes. In small bowl, dissolve gravy mix in water; stir into onion mixture. Cook and stir until slightly thickened. Remove from heat; add milk and cheese. Stir until cheese is melted. Garnish with parsley or additional cheese. Makes 8 servings.

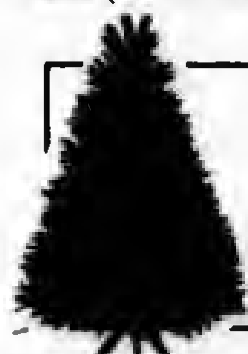
Rosemary Biscuit Sticks

These crispy biscuit sticks are best served hot—right out of the oven.

3 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
2 teaspoons dried or fresh rosemary leaves, crushed or snipped
1 cup skim milk
2 tablespoons olive oil

In large bowl, stir together biscuit and baking mix, rosemary and milk to make a soft dough. Turn out onto surface dusted with additional biscuit and baking mix. Knead 10 times. Divide dough into 16 pieces. Using the palms of your hands, roll out dough to make long narrow sticks. Place on baking sheets that have been coated with cooking spray. Brush with olive oil. Bake at 450° for 12 to 14 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 16 biscuit sticks (8 servings).

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Musichorale presents Christmas Concert

The Oak Lawn Community Church Chancel and Choristers Choirs combined with Musichorale under the direction Jeff Silhan, will present a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 17, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. The church is located at 9000 Ridgeland Avenue. There will be light refreshments afterward. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the door. Come join us for this festive occasion during the wonderful holiday season.

The church will also hold their annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 9, 2000 from 9-11 a.m. Santa is expected to arrive around 10 a.m. The menu features eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice, toast and other treats all for a free will offering. There will also be cookies, candy, and crafts for sale.

The Boy Scouts will also be sponsoring a Blood drive. Walk-ins are welcome. For information about either event, call (708) 599-4025

Nutella Pecan Brittle Patties

1 stick unsalted butter
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoons light corn syrup
2 cups pecans, toasted
1 1/2 cup Nutella

Line 2 cookie sheets with aluminum foil and spray with cooking spray. Place the sheets on cooling racks. In a 1 qt. heavy-bottom saucepan, melt butter, sugar and corn syrup over medium-high heat, stirring constantly until sugar has dissolved. Cover and simmer for 2 minutes. Remove the cover and continue to cook until the mixture turns golden. To stop the cooking, pour the syrup into the heat-proof measuring cup or glass bowl. Drop a tablespoon of the syrup onto the cookie sheet, allowing it to form a 2" disk. Sprinkle with nuts while still hot. Repeat with remaining mixture. When disks have cooled completely, top each one with 1 tablespoon of Nutella. Store in an airtight container, do not refrigerate. Makes 2 dozen.

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De La Salle inducts students into National Honor Society

The newest members inducted into De La Salle's chapter of the National Honor Society are: (Front row L-R) Tremaynte Battle, Brian Bogusevic, Michael Brown, Michael Caruso, Jeffrey Chan, Brian Daly; (Second Row L-R) Caesar Tapia, Anthony Folio, John Gurgone, Marc-Anthony Issacs, Curtis James, John Klupshas, Jeffrey Kneller, Jorge Alaves, Marcos Garcia, NHS moderator Mike Hogan; (Third Row L-R) Larry Amedio, Sam Tob, John Petro, Dan Fiorentino, Eric Vilmas, Mark Gorzkowski, Andrew Wilk, Joe Wordark, Thomas Donovan, Ryan Listenbee, and Raphael Munoz. These 27 new inductees are in addition to the 19 current members of De La Salle's NHS. De La Salle's NHS chapter is open to juniors and seniors who have at least a 3.0 GPA and are active within and outside of the De La Salle community. Being a member of the NHS is the highest honor a student can attain at the high school level, and is the only accomplishment beside a student's grades that appears on a transcript. In addition to sponsoring the school's tutoring program, the NHS runs an annual toy drive, assists at school functions and performs community service throughout the year.

Social Security increases benefits 3.5%

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits will increase 3.5% in 2001. Today's news tells us that inflation continues to be low, which is good news to everyone living on a fixed income. Inflation is one of the worst enemies of the elderly. The past eight years, which have seen low inflation rates and a strong economy, have been good for the elderly.

The 3.5% increase will begin with benefits that Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2001. Increased payments to SSI recipients will begin on December 29, 2000.

For Social Security beneficiaries the average monthly benefit will rise from \$816 to \$845. The maximum federal SSI monthly payment for an individual will rise from \$512 to \$530. For a couple, the maximum federal SSI payment will rise from \$769 to \$796.

American workers continue to benefit from our un-

precedented economic growth. Wages continue to grow faster than inflation. This is good news for American workers.

Garden Club holds Christmas luncheon

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its annual Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 14th at 12:00 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Hilton. Roberta Janet, Cynthia Gentile, Jeanine Tabel, and Carole Pendergrast are in charge of the arrangements. Professional singer Kathy Smitko will provide entertainment.

In the Spring of 2001, The Oak Lawn Garden Club will be awarding \$500 scholarships to two high school seniors in the Oak Lawn area who plan to major in horticulture, conservation, or any related field. Application forms may be picked up at any of the guidance offices in the high schools during normal office hours, or they may be obtained by calling Marion Smith at 424-2302. The applications must be submitted by March 1, 2001.

"Coach of the Year"

Trinity Christian College's men's soccer coach David Ribbens was selected as Coach of the Year for both the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) and the North Central Region of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA). Coach Ribbens, in his 20th season as head coach, led his team to a 14-7 record this season. The 14 wins set a new school record for most wins in a season, which was previously 13 wins, set in 1994 and repeated in 1996 and 1997. He also directed the team to a 6-2 conference record, which was a 2nd place finish. The team ranked in the top 10 of the NCAA National rankings throughout the entire season.

Trinity Christian College is a 4-year liberal arts college providing excellent Christian higher education in the Reformed tradition. The College is located at 6601 W. College Drive in Palos Heights, and on the Web at www.trny.edu.

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UL offers safety tips for electronic toys

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- When shopping for toys, especially electrical toys, look for markings that indicate the product has been tested for safety by a safety and certification organization, such as UL. If you spot a UL mark on a toy, it means that the toy has been tested, (dropped, pulled, tugged at, and generally torn apart) by UL engineering staff and found to comply with appropriate safety requirements.

- Pay close attention to the age recommendations marked on the toy or its packaging. Make sure your child's age matches or exceeds the age specification.

- Before children play with a new toy, read the manufacturers warning markings and/or the instruction booklet.

- Initially and periodically

inspect toys for cracks, breaks, ripped seams, etc. Parts of damaged toys can break off and become choking hazards. Sharp edges can cause serious cuts.

- Immediately discard gift wrapping or plastic packaging, materials that can cause a choking hazard.

- If a toy requires assembly, make sure a responsible adult assembles the products completely following manufacturer's instructions.

- Electric Toys can become a shock hazard if they're misused. Remember, water and electricity never mix. Never allow children to play with electric toys near water.

- Whenever possible complete and return warranty and registration forms to the manufacturer. If the product is recalled, the manufacturer can use these forms to contact you directly.

For additional tip information, visit UL's web site at www.ul.com or the NFPA's website at www.nfpa.org.

"Saturday Night Fever" comes to the Oriental

Producers Robert Stigwood and Jon Platt are pleased to announce that the national tour of the hit musical "SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER" will debut at the Ford Center for the Performing Arts Oriental Theater at

24 W. Randolph on March 3, 2001. The show will play for a limited four week, 34 performance run through March 31.

"SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER" features 12 Top-10 Bee Gee's hits, including "Stayin' Alive" and "Night Fever", plus several new songs written for the stage show. Based on the hit film of the same name, the musical tells the story of Tony Manero, a directionless store clerk who lives for his week-

ends of dancing and his relationship with his dance partner, Stephanie.

The producers have gathered an award-winning production team, including the director and choreographer, Arlene Phillips.

Tickets are now on sale for groups of 20 or more by calling (312)877-1710. Single tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (312)902-1400.

UL's "Operation Decoration" illustrates decorating safety



INSPECT ALL DECORATIONS BEFORE USE
Before plugging in new or used decorations, inspect each one for cracked sockets, frayed or bare wiring and loose connections that may cause an electric shock or start a fire.



READ INSTRUCTIONS
Before you begin decorating, read instructions concerning installation and maintenance of the decorations you'll be using.



AVOID AN OVERLOAD
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Collector shields available for woods walkers

More than 2,400 people picked up Will County Woods Walk booklets, with the challenge of walking seven trails in the Will County forest preserves. The new program called for people to walk the trails between Oct 1-November 30.

Now, with the challenge coming to an end, those who have completed the walks can bring in their filled-in booklets and collect a shield from the Forest Preserve District of Will County.

The collectors shields are available through January 27, 2001 for those who have completed the required trail walks. Trail walkers can also pick up their shields at the Forest Preserve District Office, Isle a la Cache Museum, Plum Creek Nature Center, and the Monce Reservoir.

For additional information, please call the Forest Preserve at (815)727-8700 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

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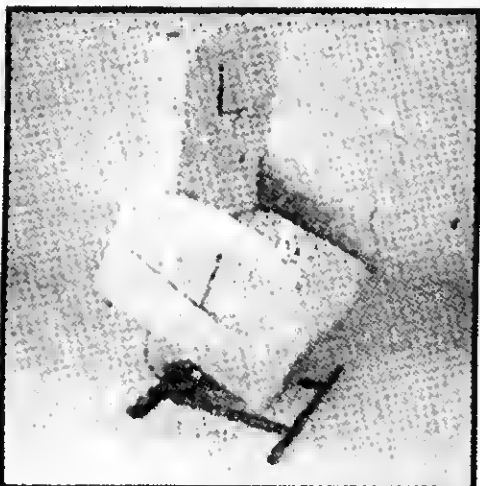
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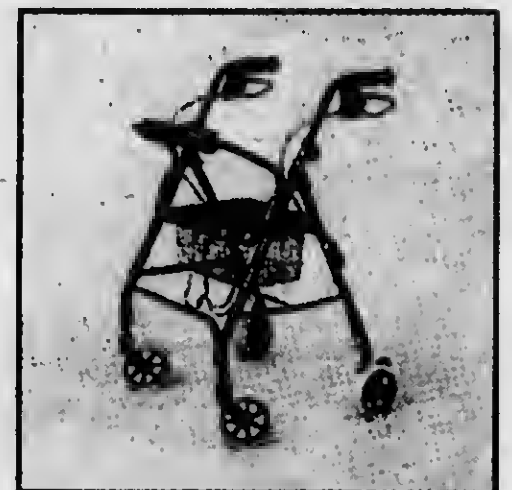


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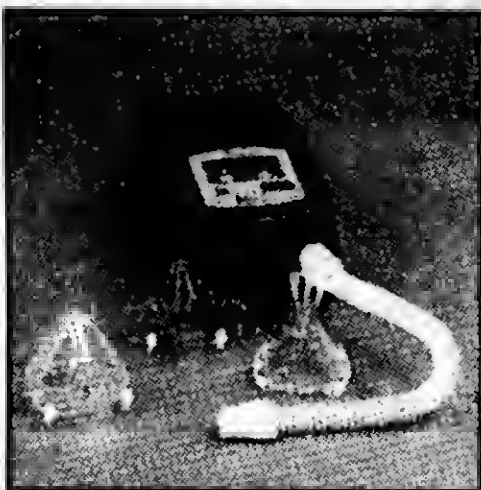
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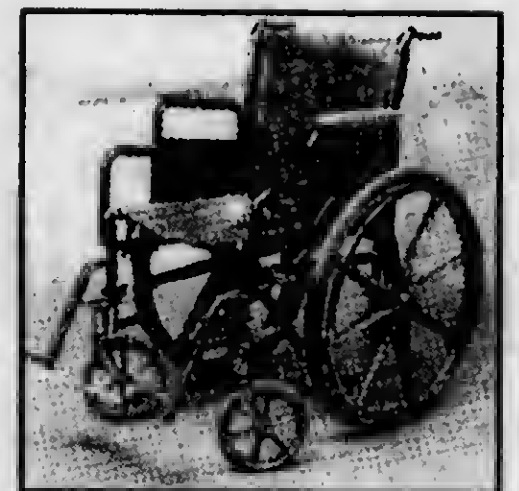
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VIEWS ON NEWS

Democracy topic of high school award

By Rick Techman

Three John F. Kennedy High School seniors received award certificates in the Veterans of Foreign Wars' 54th annual "Voice of Democracy" broadcast scriptwriting scholarship program at Rhine Post #2729, 5858 S. Archer, and its Ladies Auxiliary.

Post Commander Anthony Klonowski and the Voice of Democracy committee, chaired by Post member Tony Maruszak and his wife Lou of the auxiliary, presented the awards December 1. Kennedy High School English teacher Barbara Galvin said both Maruszaks were very helpful and cooperative in allowing the students ample time and information in preparing their entries.

"What Price Freedom" is the theme for this year's taped speech, which must be between three to five minutes long. The competition is open to all four high school grade levels. This nationwide competition, which begins at the local post and moves upward to the district, state and national level, offers about \$140,000 this year in scholarships for the National winners.

Kennedy H.S. English teacher Barbara Galvin said all of the English classes at the school, thus all of the students at the school, received notice of the contest and encouragement to participate. She said the Kennedy H.S. English department chose the final written essays that would represent the school from among the best one entered from each class.

"I think," Galvin said, "the topic, 'What Price Freedom,' really encouraged the students to be creative in their writing. This year's essays," she added, "are among the very best." Galvin also said Kennedy H.S. principal, Dr. Fanchion Blumenburg, deserved a lot of credit for encouraging the students to pursue excellence in writing and public speaking through participation in this competition.

Elizabeth Ramirez, first place essay winner, said, "I took a historical approach. The men and women who gave their life for freedom, which is the ultimate price for freedom, were brave enough to fight for their dream of freedom." She added that the teachers at Kennedy really encouraged the students to participate in the contest and really believed in the entire student body.

Marcella Olczak, second place essay winner, said, "People make a lot of hard decisions in order to get freedom. People want," she continued, "the right to choose. People want to live life without fear and people will sacrifice their life to get it," she closed.

Third place essay winner, Megan Haran, said, "Can we even put a price on freedom? I believe that freedom is priceless," she continued, "but a lot of people take their freedom for granted. You never know or appreciate what you have until it is lost." She closed, "As long as we, as a country, support our soldiers we will never experience the harsh reality of a country where freedom is lost."



"Voice of Democracy" winners with their certificates at Rhine Post VFW #2729 (front row, l-r Elizabeth Ramirez, first place; Marcella Olczak, second place and Megan Haran, third place accompanied by Post Commander Anthony Klonowski and Ladies Auxiliary Officer Lou Maruszak). In the back row stands Lou Maruszak, Voice of Democracy chairman for the post.



Chicago Bears presented check

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan recently teamed up with Chicago Bears star linebacker Brian Urlacher to promote the Sheriff's Youth Athletic Foundation which sponsors organized sports leagues for children. A donation of \$15,000 from Bears Care was presented recently.

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Buffalo Conservationist to speak at the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Palos-Orland will hear from Buffalo Field Campaign volunteer, Nancy Slowik, about her winter internship in Yellowstone National Park working to save the last wild buffalo herd. In the late 1800's there were an estimated 60 million wild buffalo roaming the nation. By 1902, the last 23 wild buffalo took refuge in Yellowstone National Park and today this Yellowstone herd is the longest free-ranging herd in the nation.

The talk will immediately follow the annual Fireside Dinner to be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. The pot-luck dinner will be held at the Simpson Clubhouse at 7400 Lake Katherine Drive in Palos Heights. The League will be accepting donations of toys, books, art supplies, and children's new and used clean clothing for the K.C. Conlon Children's Room at the Markham Courthouse. For more information, please call Merna Trotter at (708) 532-0184.

Worth Integrity Party Introduces April candidates

By: F.J. Soczek

A dynamic sense of unity and cohesion filled the American Legion Hall in Worth Wednesday night as friends and neighbors gathered to show their support for the Village's newest political party.

Worth Trustee Edward Guzdziol leads the slate of candidates in the mayoral face-off against incumbent James Bilder.

Guздziol, an educator and long time Worth resident, has developed a reputation for demanding strict fiscal accountability regarding Village finances, much to the chagrin of the controlling majority.

Last summer, Guздziol was soundly criticized by his fellow Trustees for having what they considered the audacity to question the rapidly spiraling legal bills presented by the Village Attorneys Odelson & Sterk.

It is not an infrequent occurrence at Village board meetings to see a solitary Guздziol endure, with stoic resignation, the childish and immature barbs leveled against him by his fellow Trustees following his legitimate inquiries involving Village activities.

"When Sharon (Plahm-Wierenga) and I were elected to office in 1993, we were excited about bringing change to Worth," Guздziol explained.

"We worked together with (Trustee) John O'Connell and changed the Village Hall, Police Station and Fire House. We changed our old Metra station into the new Metra station and surrounding parking lots. Most recently we helped

bring about the Water's Edge Golf Course and boat launch, but yet to be completed Betty Mattera Recreation Area.

"We did this openly, truthfully and with integrity," Guздziol continued. "Tonight, I stand before you a disappointed Trustee. Openness and fairness are hard to find."

Guздziol spoke of what he termed "Back-door taxes" in the form of excessive building permit fees. He also decried the lack of openness in the *Friendly Village* when citizens seeking information are forced to fill out formal *Freedom of Information* requests for even the simplest of inquiries.

"No longer is the Village Hall the warm, friendly place of years gone by, when Norma Brewster, Jean Fickes and Betty Mattera greeted you at the front door," Guздziol reflected.

"With your help, we will re-establish the integrity of the Village Board the Village so rightly deserves."

Running for Village Clerk against incumbent Patricia Miller is Integrity candidate Bonnie Price, a 13 year resident of worth and mother of 2 children. Price has served on the worth Park District Board and Worth Athletic Association.

Employed by Palos Hospital in the desk top publishing department, Price stated, "I'd like to see the office more 'user friendly' at the Village Hall."

Candidate Barb Kluchins-Adamski is a life-long resident of Worth who grew up at 112th & Depot.

A widow with 3 children, Kluchins-Adamski is active in MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) since the

death of her husband due to a drunk driver.

"I'd like to put the 'friend' back in 'friendly,'" Kluchins-Adamski intimated. "I would like to see more continuity on the board."

Indeed, the sense of continuity appears to be strong in this new party, as Kluchins-Adamski was a student in Edward Guздziol's class during his first year teaching at Worth Junior High.

Candidate Mary Rhein, a 20 year resident of the Village and office administrator for a door company, is active in Our Lady of the Ridge School Parent Club and the Worth Athletic Association.

"I love the town. I want to see it keep on the right track. There are a lot of improvements we can do, particularly by watching our spending," Rhein noted.

Candidate Kevin Werner,



Integrity Party Candidates (left to right) are Kevin Werner, Mary Rhein, Bonnie Price, Edward Guздziol and Barb Kluchins-Adamski.

a seventeen year resident employed by a distributing company and current member of the Worth Planning and Zoning Commission, is active in the Worth Athletic Association.

Werner laments the lack of attention given to the recreational park, which was promised as part of the golf course development and never completed.

Hoping to give special priority to the recreation park, Werner also reiterated

the sense of alienation extant in the current Village administration.

"I believe in honest, open government were there is room for people to voice their ideas for the future without being embarrassed or personally attacked..."

In addition to the Mayor and Village clerk, positions currently held by Trustees Georgia Duffy, Frank Bonham and Mark Meany will be included in the April election.

St. Laurence names new head football coach

St. Laurence High School Principal, Br. Michael Segvich, has announced that Mr. Tim Johnson has been named the school's new Varsity Head Football Coach. Johnson will assume his new position immediately. He succeeds Sean Mele, who resigned the post to take a position in private industry.

Johnson, a resident of Evergreen Park, and a 1983 graduate of St. Laurence, becomes just the ninth head coach in the program's history. He is in his eighth year as a member of the faculty and coaching staffs. He

teaches Accounting and Business Law, while coaching freshman wrestling, and was the defensive coordinator for the gridiron Vikings. Johnson graduated from St. Joseph's College in Indiana with a double major in Communications and Business. While he attended St. Laurence, Johnson wrestled on three Chicago Catholic League Championship teams. He was a member of the 1981-82 squad which won the school's first IHSA regional crown. The 1982-83 team became the first Viking wrestling team to win a sec-

tional crown. He was also one of the captains of the 1982 football team which captured the Catholic League South Section title.

"I'm very excited about being named Head Football Coach of St. Laurence High School," commented Johnson. "It's an honor to serve at such a tradition laden school which has fostered a championship spirit throughout the years. I truly believe that I can lead the program into a new, exciting future."

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Dedication of rink

by Jude Coyle
December 9th was cold and crisp, and maybe the perfect day to dedicate an ice rink. Evergreen Park Mayor Anthony Vacco thanked State Senator Patrick O'Malley and Representative James Brosnahan for their efforts in securing the grant used to build the entire recreation complex. He also thanked the Commissioner of the Recreation Department Dennis Duffy, Fire Chief and Building Inspector Edward Clohessy, Commissioner of Public Works Bill Lorenz, and Street Department Supervisor Bob Yukich for their extreme efforts in finishing the work on the rink early. According to Mayor Vacco, the Village did not plan to open the rink until next year. The next project, the Mayor commented, is to raise a roof over the rink.

The rink is located in Firehouse Park at 87th and Kedzie. Formerly, this land was a vacant portion of Evergreen Cemetery. The Village has built a new firehouse, walking paths, softball fields and a concession stand.

Skaters from Holiday on Ice christened the rink. Julie Godown, Amy Forbes and Kristen Strojny dressed up in bright red skating dresses with white fur trim, and Santa caps. They spun and leaped to music while Santa, played by Pete Mixon, opened his sack. Skater Christian Hendricks provided his own moves. Kevin Malloy was the D.J. who provided the music.

Holiday on Ice is appearing thru mid January at Drury Lane in Evergreen Park. John Lazzara

is owner and producer. As an extra perk, Drury Lane provided free tickets to Holiday on Ice to attendees.

Open skating is available during the weekends beginning at 12:30 p.m. The cost per period is \$2-4, depending on age and residency. A period is 2 hours in length. Between periods, skaters can visit the new concession stand while workers clean and scrape the ice. This takes about 30 minutes.

Arrangements can be made to hold private functions on the rink by contacting the Recreation Department at 708/229-3373.

A word of warning; the rink has been closed during the recent heavy snowfall because it needs to be hand shoveled in order to protect the ice.

Southwest Community Band to perform holiday concert

The Southwest Community Concert Band, under the direction of Leo Henning, will perform its annual holiday concert at Moraine Valley Community College on Sunday, December 17, at 3:00 pm. The concert will take place in the Dorothy Menker Theater, located in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on the campus, 10900 S. 88th Ave., Palos Hills.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students. For tickets, visit the Fine and Performing Arts Center Box Office or call (708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a \$1 per order handling fee.



Talented skaters entertain observers

Immediately following the dedication ceremony everyone gathered for an impromptu picture with Santa. The Martinique Drury Lane graciously donated the talents of their stars from the current show "Holidays on Ice" to entertain the audience at the recent ice rink official dedication.

Village of Evergreen Trustees Mary Murphy, Carol Kyle, Jerry Busch, Information Officer, Cathy Aparo, Entertainer, Christian Hendricks, Kristen Strojny, Amy Forbes, Santa (Pete Mixon), John Lazzara, Executive Produce of Holidays on Ice, Jim Sexton, Village Clerk, and Norb Smith, Village Trustee.

St. Laurence flag football captures second place

The St. Laurence High School flag football team finished in second place in this year's Chicago Bears' Flag Football Tournament. In the last five years, St. Laurence has appeared four times in the championship game.

Mr. Charles Zabelka, coach of the flag football team, said "This team had a great season and they fought hard in every game. Once again, it was a thrill to play in the championship game and we thank the Chicago Bears Organization for their sponsorship of this annual event."

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Oak Lawn hikes water, sewer and garbage rates

By: F.J. Soczek

The Oak Lawn Village Board unanimously approved, without comment or discussion, two ordinances that would increase the cost of water and garbage collection for Village residents.

Acting upon a memo by Gail Paul, Director of Administrative Services, the Board increased the rate for water 4% in each of the next three years.

The current water rate for residential use is \$2.013 per 1000 gallons, with a minimum charge of \$24.15. Beginning January 1, 2001, the rate will be \$2.093 per 1000 gallons, with a minimum charge of \$25.11.

Effective January 1, 2002 the rate will be \$2.178 per 1000 gallons, with a minimum charge of \$26.13.

Effective January 1, 2003 the rate will be \$2.265 per 1000 gallons, with a minimum charge of \$27.18.

Water bills increased over 4% in 2000. In 1999, the rate was \$1.82 per 1000 gallons, with a minimum charge of \$23.10.

Paul noted the increase offsets a comparable increase charged by the City of Chicago, which supplies water to the Village.

Fees for garbage collection will increase from \$29.95 per quarter to \$30.75.

This represents a 2.7% increase and, according to Paul "is adequate to cover the cost of collection, as well as administrative costs."

The current \$29.95 rate was increased in January 2000 from \$28.74 in 1999.

Paul noted a 5% increase was estimated at the time of the Budget Hearings, and has since been adjusted in the proposed budget to reflect the actual increase of 2.7%.

A Public Meeting was held prior to the regular Board of Trustees meeting for discussion of the proposed 13 million dollar Village 2001 Municipal budget.

Copies of the document have been available for public inspection at the Village Clerk's office and the Public Library since November 16, 2000.

Finance Director Gail Paul quickly read the bottom line figures from a dozen different Village accounts.

Public inquiries were solicited. The room was silent. Not a single citizen spoke.

The meeting was formally adjourned approximately two minutes after it started.

Trustee Jerry Hurckes formally recognized 23 area teens for their volunteer efforts raking leaves and shoveling snow for senior citizens.

Trustee Ron Stancik presented a summary of the Village of Oak Lawn Public Works/Forestry program for the year 2000.

According to Stancik, "Newly planted trees more than doubled the number of trees removed last year."

Of the 796 new parkway trees planted, 328 were funded through the cost share program, where residents pay 50 percent of the cost of the plantings.

The remaining 468 trees were purchased with Community Development Block Grant funds.

Block Grant funds are designed in part to assist low and fixed income residents with funds needed for critical home repairs.

Stancik failed to note money spent on tree planting and "Welcome to Oak Lawn" signs adversely impacts funds designed for such residents.

In the Village President's report, the following appointments were announced.

Marty Szekley, 5 year term on the Appeals Board.

Tom Sullivan, 3 year term on the Civil Service Com.

John Friel, 3 year term on the Fire & Police Com.

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Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School invites eighth grade girls interested in attending McAuley for the 2001-02 school year to take the incoming freshman placement test Saturday, January 13, 2001 at 8:00 am. Prospective students will take the Terra Nova test and are asked to bring two #2 pencils. Calculators will not be allowed. The \$20 testing fee is payable the day of the exam. No pre-registration is required. Students taking the test should enter the school at the Circle Drive, 3737 W. 99th St., Chicago. McAuley's successful college preparatory program has been recognized twice nationally for excellence by the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Award, placing

McAuley in the distinguished group of less than 70 U.S. schools to have earned this award a second time. Our educational community offers college bound students endless opportunities including faith formation and a value centered education. Of the Class of 2000, 99% continued their education after graduation. McAuley students are able to meet many new people and are offered an extensive variety of elective courses that may be tailored to their interests, talents, and abilities. The dedicated faculty, challenging curriculum and facilities for learning give students the best educational atmosphere possible. McAuley strives to provide each student with the skills to think critically and

Com. Mary Dewan, 4 year term on the Senior Citizens Com. and Patrick Harkness, 3 year term on the Traffic Review Com.

Trustee Wm. Keane expressed concern over traffic visibility impaired by snow piles on street corners and parkways.

The air conditioner dispute between two neighbors reported last week has apparently been resolved, with a promise to relocate the errant AC unit.

Cooking Corner

The Number One Most Nutritional Vegetable?

(NAPS)—What's the #1 nutritional vegetable? Not carrots, or one of the green, leafy vegetables. The sweet potato—also known to its fans as the yam—is ranked number one in nutrition by the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI).



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- 1/4 cup chopped red onion
- 1 cup black beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 1/4 cup sunflower seeds
- 2 tablespoons light Italian or Caesar dressing
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 6 flour tortillas, warmed to soften

In a skillet coated with nonstick cooking spray, sauté shredded or chopped yams over medium high heat for about 5 minutes or until crisp tender. Transfer to bowl. In same skillet coated with nonstick cooking spray, sauté red onion for about 5 minutes until tender. Add sautéed onion, black beans, green onions, and peanuts to shredded yams, mixing well. In small bowl, mix together dressing and honey and toss with yam mixture to coat. Fill tortillas and wrap.

Makes 6 wraps.

For recipes, visit www.sweetpotato.org or write to the Louisiana Sweet Potato Commission at P.O. Box 2550, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2550.

Illinois General Assembly concludes fall veto session

Tougher penalties for those who commit domestic violence in front of children, protection for seniors from fraudulent telemarketers, and a corporate tax credit to encourage on site day care were among the measures approved as the Illinois General Assembly concluded its fall veto session, according to State Senator Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park).

House Bill 861 requires that any parent or guardian convicted of certain domestic crimes would face a minimum of 10 days in jail, 300 hours of community service, or both, if the crime was committed in front of a child. The domestic crimes include felony domestic battery, aggravated domestic battery, aggravated battery, unlawful restraint, or aggravated unlawful restraint against a family or household member.

To help families who rely on child care, Senate Bill 810 would provide businesses with a corporate tax credit in an amount equal to 30% of startup costs for a child care facility for children of employees. Businesses would also get a corporate tax credit in an amount equal to 5% of

annual operating expenses for the day care facility. A single corporate taxpayer or a partnership of several corporations - that jointly provides child care for their employees - may receive this credit.

Protecting seniors from fraud is the aim of another measure lawmakers approved this week. House Bill 3838 allows financial institutions to report suspected cases of financial exploitation of the elderly or the disabled to the appropriate law enforcement or other authorities. Other legislation that passed both chambers, and now goes to the Governor, includes:

Rule of 85 (House Bill 1582) - Provides that State employees could retire when their age and years of creditable service equal at least 85.

Soldier Field (House Bill 1284) - Allow a \$586 million renovation of Soldier Field, financed through Chicago's hotel/motel tax. The measure was initiated in the House, but failed there on a floor vote. Resurrected in the Senate as part of a bipartisan package, HB 1284 limits the exposure to the project's debt

elements by Illinois taxpayers in the event the hotel/motel tax falls short. HB 1284 was then approved by the House and is expected to be signed by the Governor.

Ask a busy person if you want something done

by Jude Coyle

"I have a secret," Trustee Norma Pinion explained, "I keep busy." And she is very busy. In the past 8 days, she's attended nine Christmas parties in conjunction with her duties as Trustee for the Village of Bridgeview. She is currently serving her second term.

Her secret became more important in 1987 when she lost her daughter, husband and mother within a six month period. "That's what kept me going," Mrs. Pinion said. At that time, she took over raising her granddaughter who was age 4. That child is now in college, and home on Christmas break.

Mrs. Pinion is part of the Community Services Committee, and acts as liaison to the Senior Com-

mission. This is a big part of her life now. Upcoming events include the Senior Christmas Party, which is scheduled for December 20, at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center. Lunch is included, courtesy of the Active Men's Club. Entertainment will be provided by the St. Rita High School Choir.

On the first Wednesday of each month, she meets with the Senior Commission to decide on the schedule for the upcoming Senior Movie Day. Besides movie, lunch and bingo, the Commission invites speakers. Patrolman Patty Lopez has discussed how to spot cons who target seniors. Attorneys and bankers have discussed writing wills and protecting one's assets when entering a retirement or nursing home.

The price of an afternoon's entertainment is \$3. That includes movie, lunch and speaker. According to Mrs. Pinion, 7 Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce members take turns sponsoring the bingo game. That costs them no more than \$50 at a time. Bingo winners receive \$5 for each game.

Mrs. Pinion was disappointed to report that the P.L.O.W.S. luncheons have been discontinued due to cuts in Federal Funding. Seniors were able to buy 3 tickets a month for discounted prices at local restaurants.

Mrs. Pinion loves to travel. Usually twice a year, she flies to Seoul, South Korea. She enjoys shopping. In Seoul, she said, she could spend \$500 and come home with a new wardrobe and Christmas presents. "I can buy a silk suit there for \$16 or \$17, instead of several hundred here." Every other year she travels to destinations in Europe.

In fact she works in the travel industry. She spent 9 years with Midway Airlines, and the last 9 with Southwest.

Mrs. Pinion is the director of Starlets Baton Corp., which she started 21 years ago. The group participates in parades and in competitions. Within the first two years, Mrs. Pinion said, the team marched in 100 parades. Now they pick and choose. Usually, they will travel to 8 to 12 of the better organized events.

Participation is free to the children involved and is taught by two volunteers who used to be participants.

Mrs. Pinion commented that the group is currently in the rebuilding stage. The girls stick with it for so long and become very good. The Starlets have won several titles, including 2nd in the U.S. for team competition, and first in the State for 5 or six years in a row. "Then the girls become interested in boys and their responsibilities in school increase."

One of the best experiences, she said, is that the girls involved in the championship team are still close, even though several live out of state. "Even the parents are close."



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Letter to the editor

Sorry Fox Family, your holiday ad misrepresents Christmas. The "25 Days of Christmas" is Advent, a time of preparation for the birth of Christ, not Santa Claus. The Church sets aside four weeks before Christmas for prayer, repentance and reparation to honor God and improve our relationship with Him.

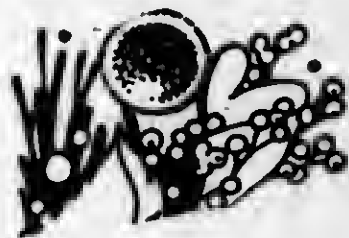
How is it a savvy, super smart Network like Fox didn't know this? Probably because there is no profit involved in celebrating the authentic meaning of Christmas, the birthday of Jesus.

Like the Flat Earth Soci-

ety, there is a "Twelve Days of Christmas Cult" of which I am a card carrying member. Given our numbers, everyone gets a turn at being president.

We pledge to put up our trees on Christmas Eve day and go to church or midnight mass. We decline all pre-Christmas parties, except maybe a concert of sacred Christmas hymns. Our prayer to the King of all mankind is for Peace through Justice.

Joan Solms



Santa to visit St. Francis Hospice patients

Santa Claus is coming any day now to visit the patients of St. Francis Hospice. He will bring each patient a Christmas sock filled with candies, cookies, small toiletries and small toys.

Dorothy Youngquist of Morgan Park, a Hospice volunteer, started this program four years ago. Dorothy is a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Calumet Division of the United States Sail and Power Squadron, a service organization. Three years ago, she enlisted the aide of the Auxiliary in making and filling the socks. This year, Carol Meneou of Palos

Heights and Charlene Mathis of Burr Ridge, made and decorated the socks. Other members Betty Bragalone of Orland Park, Alana Collier of Hazel Crest, Marlys Johnson of Calumet Park, Marjorie Dorwart of South Holland and Dorothy Youngquist, filled the socks. All the items to fill the socks were supplied by members of the Hospice. Lisa Nolden of Merrionette Park, social worker in the Hospice, and the staff will help Santa deliver the socks to the patients.

The Hospice patients stay in their own homes among their families and friends,

or sometimes in a nursing facility. They receive the loving care of the Hospice doctors, nurses, social workers and dietitians, as well as pastoral care. These professionals see to it that the patients are kept pain free and their last days are spent in dignity and peace.

Youngquist is part of a crew that sees to many of their daily needs and desires. She visits each patient assigned to her once or twice a week taking some little gift to the patients and the children of the family, making sure that the patient is as comfortable and content as possible and helping the family in any way she can. She continues visiting the family and giving them friendship and love for at least one year after the death of their loved

one.

St. Francis Hospice is dedicated to making the last months of patients' lives as meaningful, comfortable and pleasant as possible, as well as helping the families in their great loss.



To find out about home food safety during the holiday season, visit the American Dietetic Association and the Con Agra Foundation at www.homefoodsafety.org or call 1-800-366-1655 for a free home food safety brochure.

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Moraine Valley to offer virtual creative writing poetry class

Whether you've been writing for years or not at all, Moraine Valley's Virtual College is offering you a chance to enjoy writing verse.

The new online course, Creative Writing, Poetry, offers students the opportunity to experiment with form and style, generate and develop poems, explore the work of contemporary poets, discover online resources, participate in online poetry workshops and discussions, and assemble a portfolio of work to submit for publication.

For a preview of the course, contact www.mv.cc.il.us/COM 106-84-Dworak.

St. Mary Star of the Sea on track singles

The St. Mary Star of the Sea On Track Singles group will hold a general meeting on Monday, January 8, 2001, beginning

at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held in Duggan Hall, 6435 S. Kilbourn, Chicago.

On Track Singles is open to all single men and women age 21 and over who have never been married, are divorced, or are widowed. For more information about membership, or to receive a copy of the newsletter,

contact Lucy at (773) 778-8239, after 7:00 pm or John at (773) 585-8242.

If you are interested in learning a few new dance steps, join the St. Mary Star of the Sea On Track Singles group for dance lessons on Saturday, January 13, 2001. We will be going to the Hamilton Maher Center, 3750

W. 97th St., Evergreen Park. A carpool will be leaving St. Mary's south parking lot, 65th and Kenneth, at 5:30 pm. For more information or to register, call (773) 585-8242.

Looking for somewhere to watch the Super Bowl Game? The On Track Singles group will be going to Nino's Pizza, 4835 W. 111th St., Alsip, for a Super Bowl party Sunday, January 28, 2001. There will be a carpool leaving St. Mary's south parking lot at 4:00 pm. For more info call (773) 778-8239 after 7:00 pm

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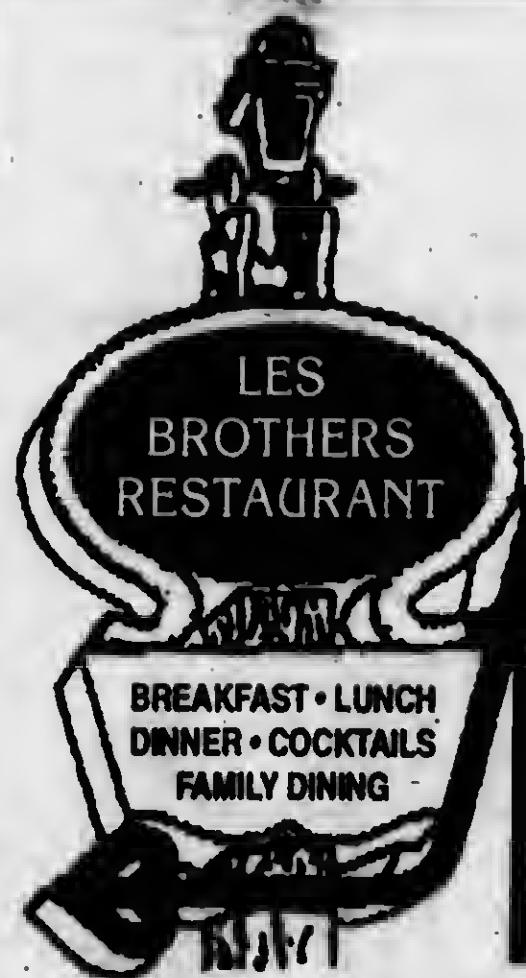
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The Week Before Christmas

By Kathy Whirity

It was the week before Christmas and wouldn't you know? An endless list of requests and only so much dough. The shoppers pushed their way through the store, on a merry mission to find sales galore.

Mommies with little ones tugging at their knees, while grandmas everywhere buy treasures sure to please.

On the homefront, the yuletide countdown's begun, with last-minute cleaning, baking, and gift-wrapping to be done.

A present-filled tree is a beautiful sight to behold, a chance to believe all that glitters is gold. So, shop to you drop, why worry or fret? The merry memories you make will be hard to forget!

Soon, Santa will head for his home, the North Pole, a jolly old elf whose completed his goal. Let the magic of Christmas gently warm your heart, for tomorrow you'll be returning gifts to K-Mart.

May you all know peace on Earth and goodwill towards man, only 365 more days 'til we do this again!



St. Francis Hospital to host open house for reversing heart disease

Forty Million people in this country suffer from diagnosed cardiovascular disease, and an even larger number don't know that they have a heart problem. Sixty million people have high blood pressure while eighty million people have elevated cholesterol levels. And more devastating, over 1.5 million Americans have heart attacks every year.

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help you open your heart to others and to experience greater happiness.

The main elements of the program include:

- *A low fat, vegetarian diet
- *Stress management techniques
- *Regular exercise
- *Peer group support

If you have coronary heart disease or other health problems, consult your physician. For a free physician referral to a cardiologist, call (708) 385-4433.

St. Francis Hospital will host an Open House for the

Dr. Dean Ornish Program for Reversing Heart Disease on Wednesday, January 10, 2001 at 2:00 pm at the hospital. To register or for more information on Dr. Dean Ornish's Program, please call (800) 721-8000.



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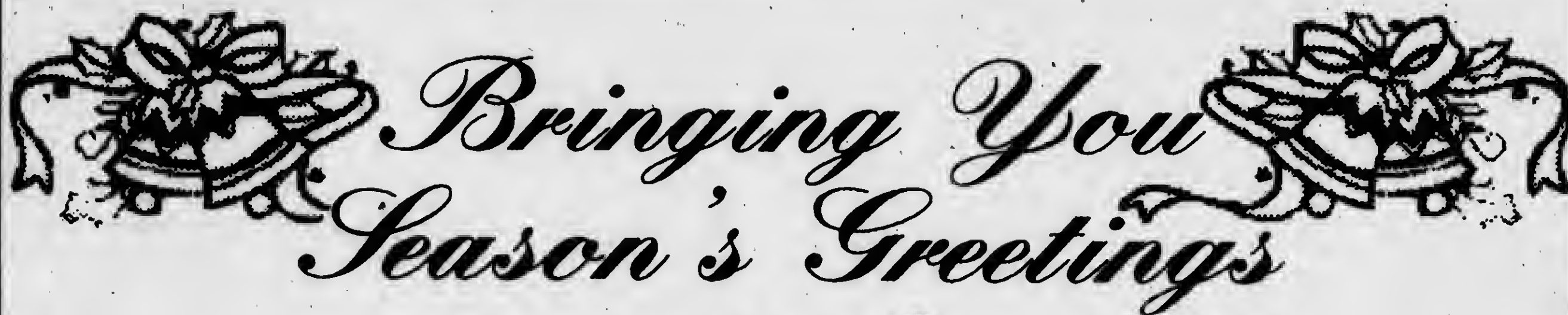
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Jones reelected for the fifth time

Illinois State Senate Democrats reelected Senate Democratic Leader Emil Jones, Jr., for his fifth consecutive term, November 27. In a brief caucus, the Democrats reelected Jones and discussed priorities for the 92nd General Assembly. Jones was first elected by the caucus to its

top position in December 1992, and has remained at the helm since. According to Jones, priorities for the 92nd General Assembly will include the continuation of the entitlement for education, that he brought to the table in 1997 during a special session on the education funding crisis.

Other legislative victories by Jones and the caucus include the doubling of the personal exemp-

tion on the state income tax, holding senior citizens enrolled in the Circuit Breaker Program from increases in license and registration fees and working to establish the first Earned Income Tax Credit in Illinois.

"I am very honored to continue in the role of Democratic Leader for the 92nd General Assembly," Jones said.

Entrance exam at St. Laurence

St. Laurence High School will hold its entrance exam on Saturday, January 13, at 8:00 am for eighth grade boys planning to pursue their secondary education at the Burbank school. The "Home of the Vikings" is located at 77th and Central.

Students who are taking the test should enter at the north end of the building, and then report to the foyer area. Also, students should bring two #2 pencils and a \$20.00 testing fee. No prior registration fee is required.

Academic scholarships will be awarded based on a student's test scores. Students scoring in the 90-99 percentile are eligible for scholarships ranging from \$800-\$2000. To be eligible, students must take the entrance exam at St. Laurence on January 13. Students who are sons of St. Laurence alumni are eligible for a grant in the amount of \$750.

More details on the entrance test and academic scholarships can be obtained by calling representatives in the St. Laurence Admissions

Office at (708) 458-6900, ext. 237. In addition, information on St. Laurence, its award winning academic and athletic programs, financial aid, and transportation can be obtained by visiting the school's website at www.stlaurence.com.

On Monday, January 8, from 6:40 to 8:00 pm prospective enrollees and their parents have another opportunity to tour the school during the school's third Open House. Tours will be provided to individual families or small groups, and will include a thorough walk through of the school's modern and complete facilities.

St. Laurence currently educates young men from Chicago and over 55 suburbs. More than 12,200 men have graduated from Laurence, and they hold leadership roles in numerous careers and all walks of life. Ninety two percent of St. Laurence's graduating classes attend some of the nation's finest colleges, universities, and military academies.

Eighth grade boys looking

to attend the place "Where Leadership Begins" are invited and encouraged to take the school's entrance exam on Saturday, January 13.

MVCC to offer directed study classes

As an alternative to traditional classroom education, Moraine Valley Community College will offer several Directed Study classes this spring.

Directed Study courses provide a combination of classroom work and independent study for self motivated students who can make a commitment to completing work outside of class. Students enrolled in Directed Study classes meet weekly or on alternate weeks in mandatory classes and devote a large amount of time outside of class to homework, library assignments, and instructor conferences.

Students can also register by phone by calling (708) 974-2110. More information about Moraine Valley is also available on the college's website at

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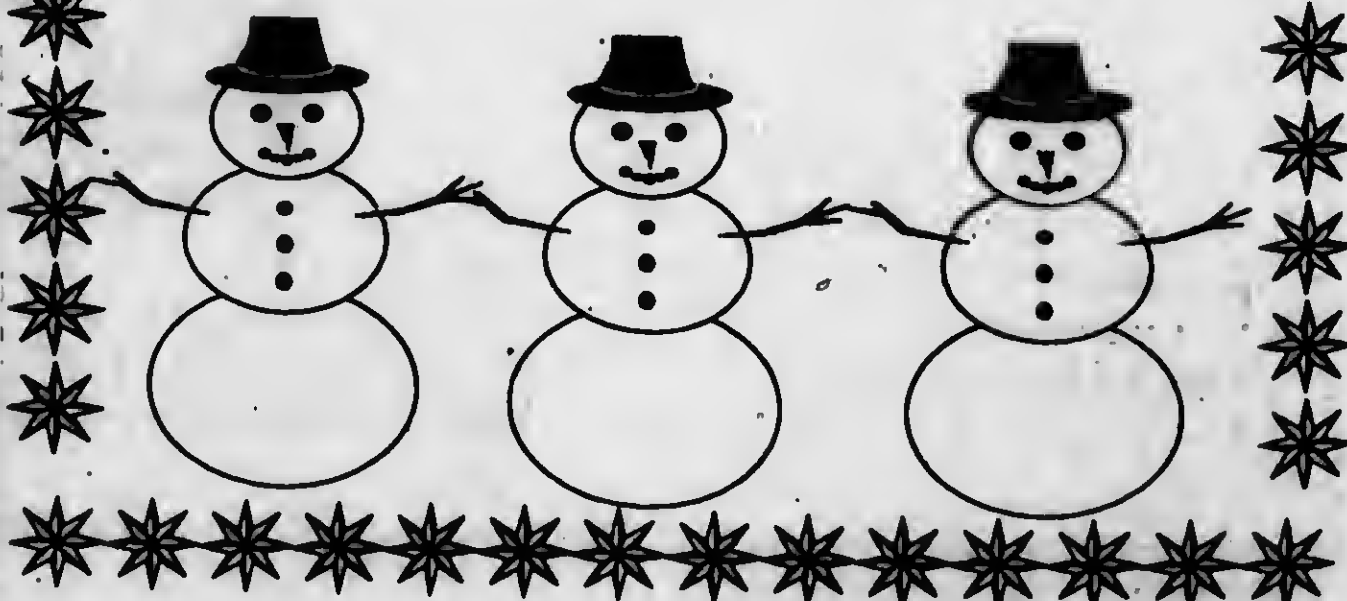
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Harlem Globetrotters court hometown Chicago

The Harlem Globetrotters, unquestioningly the world's most beloved sports team, will celebrate their 75th Anniversary in the city where it all began, with two high flying games at Chicago's United Center on Saturday, January 6. Tip off is at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm. The Harlem Globetrotters' 75th Anniversary North American Tour is sponsored by Denny's.

Originally called the Savoy Big Five after their popular Chicago ballroom sponsor, the team was renamed the Harlem Globetrotters in

1930 by their founder, Abe Saperstein, to emphasize the African American players comprising the team. Since their conception, the Harlem Globetrotters have gone on to fight for equality and tolerance and have become recognized globally as "Ambassador of Goodwill."

Despite the whites only sanctions placed on the professional basketball leagues when the Harlem Globetrotters were first formed, the team played serious competitive games and would often humiliate their opponents by

outscored them by as many as 100 points. During one such game in 1939 when the Globetrotters led by a score of 112-5, the team began to clown around. The crowd loved it and ever since, the comedy begins after an insurmountable lead is established.

Over the past 75 years, the Harlem Globetrotters have played over 20,000 games, more than any other team in history, entertaining 120 million fans in 115 countries. The most recent Q ratings ranked the Globetrotters second, only behind Michael Jordan, as the most recognized sports personality in the world.

This year, the red, white and blue "Magicians of Basketball" will showcase the amazing athleticism of Michael "Wild Thing" Wilson, the world record holder in the vertical slam dunk at an awe-inspiring 12 feet; showmen Matt "Showbiz" Wilson and Paul "Showtime" Gaffney, two of the funniest and most creative showmen in the history of the organization; and Chicago's own Curley "Boo" Johnson, a 5'11" dribbling artist extraordinaire, in a two hour

mix of competitive basketball skills, athletic exhibitionism, side splitting antics, and audience participation.

Team mascot Globie will entertain and interact with the crowd throughout the event. Fans, both young and old, will be able to meet their favorite Harlem Globetrotter during a post game, courtside autograph signing ceremony.

The Globetrotters' 75th Anniversary weekend extravaganza will begin with a private black tie gala on Friday, January 5, at Chicago's Fairmont Hotel, and culminate on Sunday, January 7, with an ESPN televised game in Hinckley, Illinois, the very place where the team played its first road game 75 years ago.

Tickets for the United Center games are priced from \$10 to \$25, with a limited number of \$50 VIP and \$75 Magic Circle tickets available. Tickets can be purchased at the United Center box office and all Ticketmaster locations. To order tickets by phone, call Ticketmaster at (312) 559-1212. For group discounts, call (312) 455-SHOW. For general show information, call the United Center at (312) 455-4500 or visit the official website of the Harlem Globetrotters at www.harlemglobetrotters.com.

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National tour of Saturday Night Fever to debut at Chicago's Ford Center

Producers Robert Stigwood and Jon B. Platt are pleased to announce that the national tour of the smash hit musical "Saturday Night Fever" will debut at Chicago's Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theater, 24 W. Randolph Street, Saturday, March 3, 2001. The production will play a limited four week, 34 performance engagement through Saturday, March 31. The press night will be Thursday, March 8. Tickets are now on sale.

Some of the upcoming performance dates are as follows:

Saturday, March 3 at 8:00 pm; Sunday March 4 at 7:30 pm;

Tuesday, March 6 at 7:30 pm; Wednesday, March 7 at 7:30 pm; Thursday, March 8 at 7:30 pm; Friday, March 9 at 8:00 pm; Saturday, March 10 at 2:00 and 8:00 pm; Sunday, March 11 at 2:00 and 7:30 pm.

Tickets are now on sale for groups of 20 or more by calling (312) 977-1710. Single tickets range in price from \$20.00 to \$70.00 and will go on sale on Friday, December 1 at 9:30 am at the three Broadway in Chicago Box Offices, at all Ticketmaster ticket centers, via phone at (312) 902-1400 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Dame Edna: The Royal Tour to make Chicago debut

She's wild. She's wicked. She's wonderful. She's Australian superstar and international entertainment phenomenon Dame Edna. The fabulous star of stage, television and screen has dazzled audiences the world over with her unique brand of interactive humor. Much to the delight of her numerous fans, Dame Edna: The Royal Tour will make its Chicago premiere at The Shubert Theatre, 22 W. Monroe Street, for a limited two week engagement beginning Tuesday, March 27 and running through Sunday, April 8, 2001. Presented by Jam Theatricals, tickets are now on sale.

The performance schedule is as follows: Tuesdays at 7:30 pm; Wednesdays at 2:00 and 8:00 pm; Thursdays at 7:30 pm; Fridays at 8:00 pm; Saturdays at 2:00 and 8:00 pm; Sundays at 3:00 pm. Single tickets range in price from \$34.50 to \$55.00 and are now available at the Broadway in Chicago box offices, at all Ticketmaster outlets, via phone at (312) 902-1500 or at www.ticketmaster.com. Groups of 20 or more may receive a discount by calling (312) 977-1710.

Siegel receives service award

Mayor Siegel has been instrumental in the development of Chicago Ridge Mall, Commons of Chicago Ridge, a 130 acre Industrial Park and a new municipal complex.

Over the years Mayor Siegel has been active in many organizations including the Southwest Council of Mayors, the Southwest Conference of Local Government, the Illinois Municipal League, the Chicago Area Transportation Study and the Midway Airport Task Force.



The Lira Ensemble presents ZaprasZamy at the Rosemont

The Lira Ensemble presents "ZaprasZamy! An American Celebration of Polish Song and Dance" for a limited engagement, May 11, 12 and 13 at the Rosemont Theatre, 5400 North River Road in Rosemont, Illinois.

"ZaprasZamy!," which means "we invite you" is the first ever American musical of Polish song and dance. It features a talented cast of more than 70 artists, including a full orchestra and beautiful, authentic costumes. ZaprasZamy showcases the breathtaking range of traditional Polish music from folk to Chopin.

With lavish, Broadway style production values, "ZaprasZamy!" spotlights the charming music of the regions of Poland that are the ancestral home of most Polish Americans, as well as midsummer night traditions and exciting, athletic dances. The program will also feature a bit of Polish opera, sensuous Polish tangos, lively polkas and emotional songs of immigration.

"ZaprasZamy!" is presented by the Lira Ensemble, which has been hailed internationally for bringing the finest of Polish culture to American audiences. Under the leadership of Lucyna Migala, artistic director and executive producer, Lira has concertized around the Midwest, made six successful concert tours of Poland and has released several acclaimed recordings. The company is the United States' only professional performing arts organization specializing

Forever Swing comes for a one week engagement at Chicago Theater

Re-live the heyday of the swing era with this electrifying big band musical revue. Featuring a full orchestra on stage, ten swing kids and singers, Forever Swing is sure to have your toes tapping. Forever Swing will play the Chicago Theatre, 175 North State Street, from Tuesday, February 6 through Sunday, February 11, 2001. Tickets are now on sale.

The performance schedule is as follows: Tuesday, February 6 at 7:30 pm; Wednesday, February 7 at

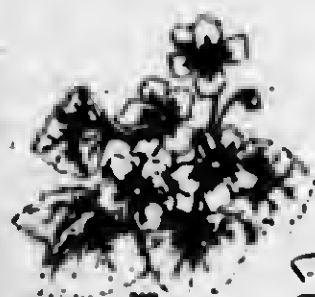


7:30 pm; Thursday, February 8 at 7:30 pm; Friday, February 9 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, February 10 at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm, and Sunday, February 11 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Tickets to Forever Swing, which range from \$19.50 to \$50.50, are now on sale at the Chicago Theatre Box Office, 175 North State Street, by calling Ticketmaster at (312) 902-1500, at all Ticketmaster ticket centers or at www.ticketmaster.com. For the Tuesday, February 6 (opening night) performance tickets are specifically priced at just \$19.50 for the best seats in the house.

Thursday, May 12 at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, May 13 at 3:00 and 7:00 pm.

Single tickets, which range in price from \$35.00 to \$65.00, are now available through Ticketmaster at (312) 559-1212, at all Ticketmaster ticket centers or through www.ticketmaster.com. Group tickets may be obtained by calling (773) 508-SHOW (7469).



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Evergreen Plaza provides comfort and joy this holiday season

Beginning Wednesday, December 6, 2000 and continuing through Christmas Eve, Evergreen Plaza will house a new guest services and community involvement program. Located on the Upper Level South Mall, the Comfort and Joy Center will be open during holiday shopping hours for the Plaza.

The Comfort and Joy Center will provide holiday giftwrapping staffed by volunteers who support the good works of Catholic Charities. One hundred percent of the funds raised for wrapping packages will benefit the annual Toy Shower Season for 20,000 needy children and teenagers sponsored by Catholic Charities. In addition, the Center will feature a U.S. Postal Service.

The joy of children can be witnessed first hand on Mondays in December from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm when they see the Plaza's own Petite Fleet of nine "miniature reindeer." These friendly creatures will be stationed next to Santa Claus in Center Court. Popular "portrait with Santa" packages are offered again and, this year, complimentary candid photos of children with the Petite Fleet are a gift from Evergreen Plaza.

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Scott and Company and newly remodeled Montgomery Wards, shoppers can fill Christmas wish lists at more than 130 stores owned and operated by national and regional retailers as well as local entrepreneurs.

The Plaza's Food Court provides a variety of choices for shoppers and visitors to relax and refresh themselves.

Evergreen Plaza, located at the crossroads of the Beverly Hills/Morgan Park and the Evergreen Park communities, is one of Chicago's first indoor shopping malls.

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As leader of the revitalization of this very profitable shopping mall, Provo has focused his team's energy on offering more retailers for children, for other family specific needs and for career women. "Our patrons represent an urban diversity. They share common values, particularly treasuring their families," says Provo. "Our vision of the most comfortable family envi-

ronment is inspired by the values of the communities we serve."

For more information or to volunteer for the Plaza's Comfort and Joy Center, please call (312) 655-7322.

Oak Lawn BPW monthly meeting

The Oak Lawn Business and Professional Women (BPW) will meet Wednesday, January 3 at 6:30 pm at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero. For dinner reservations, call Fran Kooiman, (708) 422-4809.

The evening's program will feature a White Elephant Sale of items brought in by BPW members. The proceeds of this sale will be donated to the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Scholarship Foundation.

The Oak Lawn Business and Professional Women offer opportunities in networking, sharing ideas, enhancing skills and building friendships among women interested in achieving equity in the workplace through advocacy, education and information.

For membership information, call Andrea Wulff, (708) 235-6673, evenings.



Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center upcoming events

The Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center is making plans for their Annual Mardi Gras Night and Silent Auction Benefit. The date is set for Saturday, February 3, 2001. Mark that date on your calendar for a fun filled evening. Tickets are \$60 per person and corporate sponsorships are available. Reservations can be made by calling (708) 599-9500 and asking for the Development Department.

If you would like to place an ad in the Ad Book for Mardi Gras Night 2001, ad copy is being accepted now. Call, (708) 599-9500, or fax, (708) 599-2791, the public relations department with your information or if you have any questions. All of the revenue from this fundraiser goes directly into our Neediest Client Fund, which helps those who need speech and hearing services to receive them regardless of income level.

Stop by Shedd Aquarium this holiday season

This holiday season, what could be better than stopping by Shedd Aquarium to spend the day with sharks, shop for your holiday gifts, and enjoy the sounds of festive carols around the Caribbean Reef? For the enjoyment of our guests, Shedd is furthering the holiday spirit through a variety of activities, discounts and new additions.

Just in time for the holidays, Shedd Aquarium is pleased to announce that our extensive collection of fishes in the 90,000 gallon Caribbean Reef has just been expanded with the addition of three new bonnethead sharks. These sharks, which look like miniature hammerhead sharks, complement the recently restored Caribbean Reef exhibit and rotunda. While they are a permanent addition to the Reef, they are a must see this holiday season.

In addition to seeing the sharks, guests can complete their holiday shopping by visiting one of Shedd's retail centers - *Go Overboard* or *Big Blue*. Shoppers can take advantage of discounts on

select merchandising department has assembled a "Top Ten List" of items under \$25 that's mindful of the wallet. Guests can shop at the *Go Overboard* store without paying for admission to the Aquarium, if they choose.

And in true holiday fashion, all guests of Shedd Aquarium will be treated to the sights and sounds of holiday carolers as they stroll through the main foyer. From Monday, December 18 until Saturday, December 23, carolers will perform traditional holiday songs alongside a baby grand piano during normal visiting hours.

Since there's so much to do at Shedd Aquarium, visiting hours are being extended between Christmas and New Years as well, so guests on holiday break or vacation can spend a little extra time enjoying the Aquarium and Oceanarium. From Tuesday, December 26 through Saturday, December 30, Aquarium hours will be extended until 8:00 pm.

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Tips and recipes for headache free holiday season



Brother Rice students participate in alumni phonathon

Junior and senior students of the Brother Rice High School National Honor Society gather at Standard Bank in Evergreen Park for the school's annual Alumni Phonathon. With the students are Brother Rice Principal James Antos (front, left) and president Br. Karl Walczak (right). Students called Brother Rice alumni around the country to encourage donations to the school's Annual Fund. The phonathon was conducted over a seven night period and students were awarded prizes for each \$100 donation that was pledged. Standard Bank donated office space and phone lines to the cause. This year's phonathon surpassed the goals that were set by the school thanks to the generosity of alumni.

The holiday season is traditionally a busy time filled with happiness and good cheer. With celebrations, family gatherings, and office parties, it represents the most social time of the year, and sometimes that may lead to a headache.

Amidst the holiday party season there can be a tremendous amount of added stress and tension -- two key triggers in the onset of headaches. Here are some tips from the National Headache Foundation to help you battle holiday headaches.

***Avoid last minute shopping.** Hot stores and long lines are enough to give you the most ardent "shop-a-holic" a tension headache. This year, why not utilize online shopping opportunities from the comfort of your home or office as a stress free alternative. Also start holiday shopping early, slowly accumulating gifts for friends and loved ones.

***Be aware of smoke and perfume filled rooms.** Both are typically holiday celebration environments, which can trigger headaches. If

possible, get some fresh air or find an area relatively smoke and perfume-free.

***Don't disrupt your normal sleeping and waking patterns.** Those late night parties can also lead to migraines by tempting you to stay up past your bedtime and wake up later than usual. Try to go to sleep and awaken the same time everyday, whether you are going to work or not.

***If you choose to drink alcohol, do so in moderation.** Try to sip your drink slowly. Mixed drinks containing fruit or vegetable juices will probably have less effect than straight alcohol. Avoid red wine, which contains tyramine, a naturally occurring amino acid known to trigger headaches. Try a glass of white wine instead.

***Watch what you eat.** Migraine sufferers have to be particularly careful during the holiday season since many different foods, such as ripe cheese, citrus fruits and chocolate can trigger an attack. Other suspect substances are excessive amounts of caffeinated beverages.

***Schedule personal time.** Holidays bring families together for quality time, but the stress of being with your family over several days may be provoking. Have realistic expectations about the visit. Plan to visit friends, take long walks and give yourself a break from all that family togetherness to decrease or help avoid stress.

***See your healthcare provider.** If you find that you are experiencing more frequent or severe headaches during the holidays, you should make a specific ap-

pointment with your healthcare provider for an accurate diagnosis and to develop a treatment plan.

The National Headache Foundation offers the following headache-free recipes for this festive time of year:

Mock Caviar

2 medium eggplants (3/4 pounds each)
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
3 cloves of garlic, minced
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley.

1 teaspoon salt
3/4 tsp. coarsely ground pepper

Preheat oven to 350°. Bake whole eggplants for 1 hour or until tender, turning them occasionally. Peel off dark skin; mince the pulp. Stir in all other ingredients; mix well. Chill. Yields nine servings.

Champagne Fooler

1 1/3 cups apple juice
1 teaspoon lemon juice
12 ounces club soda

Chill four glasses. Mix together apple juice and lemon juice. Add club soda and stir gently to blend. Pour into glasses and serve immediately. Yields four servings.

The National Headache Foundation, founded in 1970, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving headache sufferers, their families and the healthcare practitioners who treat them; promoting research into headache causes and treatments; and educating the public to the fact that headaches are a legitimate bio-

logical disease and sufferers should receive understanding and continuity of care.

While headaches may be particularly prevalent at this time of year, chronic headaches can be a problem at any time. Headaches are a legitimate biological disease which are treatable. For more information on headache causes and treatments, visit www.headaches.org or call 1-888-NHF-5552 (Mon.-Fri. from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm CT).

Farnan to address Beverly Ridge Lions

John "Jack" Farnan, Chief Engineer for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will speak before the Beverly Ridge Lions Club, Tuesday, Dec. 28, following a 12:00 pm lunch at the Beverly Woods Restaurant, 11532 S. Western Ave.

Bob Olszewski, coordinator, announced that Mr. Farnan will explain the engineering part of the MWRD.

Chief Farnan is responsible for the design and construction of wastewater improvements, including the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP). He has twenty two years of experience with the District, and previously held engineering positions with the Chicago Departments of Public Works, Streets and Sanitation and the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Highways.

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Drury Lane Oakbrook presents Grease

Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace will present Grease, the rock 'n' roll musical hit, scheduled to begin previews on January 10, 2001 and open on Sunday, January 14 at 7:00 pm. The sock hop will continue until March 18, 2001.

The performance schedule for Grease is as follows:
Wednesdays at 8:00 pm;
Thursdays at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm; Fridays at 8:30 pm; Saturdays at 5:30 pm and 9:00 pm; and Sundays at 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Ticket prices range from \$19 to \$25 with dinner/show packages available.

Tickets may be purchased at the Drury Lane Oakbrook box office, located at 100 Drury Lane, or may be charged by phone by calling 630-530-0111. Ticketmaster outlets also carry tickets as well as Ticketmaster phone charge at (312) 902-1500. Student discounts and group rates are available for all performances. Drury Lane Oakbrook is handicapped accessible.

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Holiday season calls for putting work, life in perspective

Ah, the holidays: A wondrous time filled with great food, gifts, and thoughts of good will toward men. It's also the season when you have to dig like a gopher to find those decorations stored back behind all that other stuff. And, it's the season that makes you feel like an aging salmon as you fight your way through the river of shoppers at the local mall.

Yes, the holidays certainly fill the heart with joy, the wallet with receipts, and the soul with stress. We are, at times, left wondering what it's all about: We know we're supposed to be as jolly as old St. Nick and as loving as Tiny Tim, but we find ourselves identifying more with Ebenezer Scrooge. Getting into the holiday spirit can seem like one big hassle.

At such times, putting our work, and our lives, in perspective can help. Try walking outside some evening and looking up at the night sky. Centuries ago, the Psalmist did this and was moved to ask, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?"

That brilliant strip of stars spread across the heavens is the Milky Way galaxy. Our home. And, it's big. Real big. So big, in fact, that light -- traveling at a speed of 186,000 miles per second -- takes 100,000 years to cross from one side of the galaxy to the other.

Meanwhile, here on planet Earth, we are hurtling around the Sun at a speed of about 67,000 mph while at the same time the planet is spinning like a top on its axis at a speed of 1,000 mph at the equator. Feeling dizzy?



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The Sun and our solar system are halfway to the edge of the Milky Way, out along a spiral arm called Orion. The Sun revolves around the center of the galaxy at an impressive speed of -- fasten your seat belts, please -- half a million miles an hour. Even so, one revolution of the Sun around the galaxy takes 220 million years.

Because the Sun is 5 billion years old, we can estimate that it has revolved around the galaxy about 23 times during its relatively young life. The Milky Way itself is about 10 billion years old in a universe estimated to be around 14 billion years old.

The Milky Way is not the only galaxy, of course. Some 100 billion galaxies exist in the visible universe. Each

galaxy has a couple of billion stars and, probably, planets. Scientists say that if the universe is infinite, there could be an infinite number of galaxies. If it is not infinite, there could be a few trillion galaxies, give or take a billion here and there.

All these galaxies are moving away from each other through space at incredible speeds. How incredible? Well, astronomers measure these velocities in kilometers per second per megaparsec, where a megaparsec is equivalent to 3.26 million light years. Go figure. Astronomers also believe the universe's expansion is actually accelerating. They base this theory on the observance of supernovae, or exploding stars, that are about 5 billion light years from Earth. Which means, I believe, that their theory is based on information that's 5 billion years old, but, hey, who's counting?

The closest galaxy to the Milky Way is Andromeda, which is 2.5 million light years away. Just one light year equals 6 trillion miles. And, here's some big news: Astronomers say the Milky Way and Andromeda galaxies are going to slam into each other about 3 billion years from now. When they collide, the galaxies could tear each other apart and throw millions of stars, not to mention the Earth, into space, so be prepared.

When we stop to consider the grand scheme of the universe -- with its trillions of stars, billions of galaxies, light-year distances and megaparsec speeds, which our human minds can calculate but cannot truly comprehend -- our daily concerns at work and at home absolutely pale by comparison. It may help to keep that in mind when all those holiday bills come due in January.

Happy Holidays!

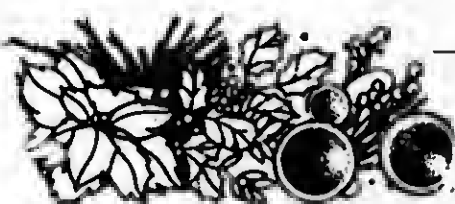
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Palos Hills has card show

The Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Card Show (for baseball, basketball, hockey, football cards, comic books, beanie babies, etc.) on Sunday, January 14 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Admission free for buyers. Any collector wanting to rent a table should register early at the Palos Hills Park Department, 8455 W. 103rd St. to guarantee a spot. The fee is \$15 per space.

For more information, call either Jeremy at (708) 203-3778 or Craig at (708) 404-2488.



Palos Hills men's pickup hoops

The Palos Hills Parks and Recreation Department is offering Pickups Hoops on Wednesdays starting January 10, from 8:00 pm until 10:00 pm and Fridays starting January 19th, from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm.

Ages 18 years and older are welcome. The fees are as follows: Wednesdays-residents \$21.00, non residents \$26. Fridays-residents \$30, nonresidents \$35.

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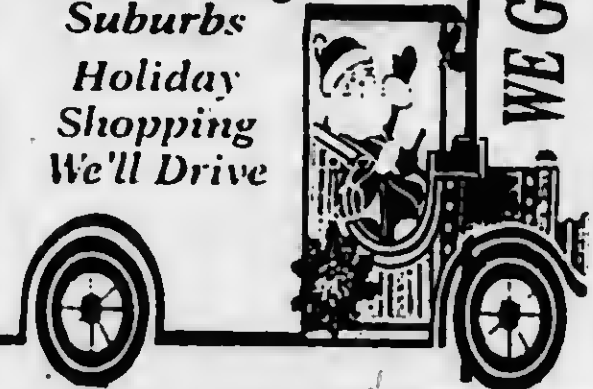
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All the neighborhood news for Clearing and Garfield Ridge

Local Legislators retained

By Rick Techman

Local Republicans and Democrats retained their respective seats in the Illinois legislature in the historic November 7, 2000 general election. U.S. Representative William O. Lipinski graciously allowed all candidates from both parties to participate in his Great Pumpkin Jamboree parade about a week before election day giving everyone a look at their legislators in action.

Democrat State Senator Bob Molaro, State Senator Louis Viverito and Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan all returned to office. However, now it is important to note the accomplishments of State Senator Christine Radogno (R-24) and her fellow Republican legislators also representing the 23rd Ward.

Senator Radogno, whose district consumes the west end of Garfield-Ridge and a big part of Clearing, has visited the area numerous times with her associate State Representative Eileen Lyons (R-47) who represents the 23rd Ward in the lower house. Radogno noted the Illinois State Senate retained its Republican majority while the Illinois House of Representatives still has a narrow margin of control by Democrats.

Radogno pointed out that this legislative session in Springfield will most likely be dominated by at least three main themes, the greatest of which is redistricting. The process of redistricting is conducted in all states following the census and it

consists of reorganizing state legislative and congressional district boundaries in accordance with population shifts.

Radogno said she didn't yet know what to expect from a redistricted map and her state senate district but she noted the census shows a westward movement of the population. Still Radogno said she will continue to work for seniors and the disabled in expanding the circuit breaker and providing pharmaceutical relief.

"Starting with the most recent things that I've worked on," Radogno said, "probably the expansion of the circuit breaker and increasing Medicaid eligibility for seniors and the disabled was the biggest thing. As you know," she continued, "prescription drug coverage is a huge issue, particularly for seniors because Medicare doesn't cover prescription drugs."

"I do think," she added, "ultimately it is going to have to be handled at the national level, but what we did at the state level is expand the pharmaceutical portion of the circuit breaker." Radogno said income eligibility has increased considerably allowing many more seniors of modest income to become eligible for increased state pharmaceutical and tax benefits.

Radogno added road bills have also been big on her agenda. She explained the .08 alcohol level limit while driving was one of the first bills she worked on. She also said getting diesel trucks tested for noxious fumes

at the vehicle testing stations was a bill she was a part of. She said as long as cars must have their exhaust systems tested every year, it only made sense that diesel trucks get tested too.

Radogno explained that she has a great deal of humanitarian concern for residents of Illinois and in that capacity she plans to accomplish two things. First of all she would like to see increased funding for the Department of Human Services. She said there is a lot of support in Springfield for this idea. Through DHS, she said, she can improve the quality of life for the disabled, seniors, homeless and those living on the edge.

Also, Radogno said education reform will be determined this year. She said the old state education funding formula expires July 1. Therefore, she said she, and her fellow legislators in both the Senate and House must work quickly to develop a fair and impartial formula for all of Illinois' schools.



Christmas Party at the Ridge

Garfield-Ridge Civic League President Jean Franczyk with officers and members of the organization stand before their Christmas tree at their annual Christmas Party December 10 at the Flamingo Restaurant, 6071 S. Archer Avenue. More than 60 people attended the event. American and Polish food was on the menu. Everyone enjoyed the party. Numerous prizes were distributed at the raffle following dinner. (photo/caption By Rick Techman)

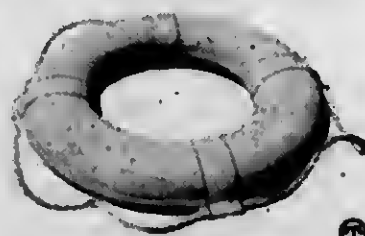
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(NAPS)—If you or someone you know suffers from diabetes, getting a flu shot this year could be a lifesaver.

People with diabetes are about three times as likely to die with flu or pneumonia than people without diabetes. Currently 10,000 to 30,000 people with diabetes die each year with the flu and pneumonia.

Individuals with chronic conditions such as diabetes should be vaccinated against influenza regardless of a delay in the availability of a flu vaccine this year. It is safe and convenient to give people with diabetes a pneumococcal shot in the same visit that they receive their flu shot.

Health professionals who may not have the vaccine should direct people with



Flu shots can be a lifesaver for people with diabetes.

diabetes, other chronic conditions or those over 65, to locations that do have a supply of flu vaccine.

While early vaccination is the best, people should be vaccinated in December or later to gain protection.

People living with individuals with diabetes or other high-risk conditions should also be vaccinated.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/diabetes.

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Worth meeting important even in bad weather

By: F.J. Soczek

The Worth Mayor and Village Board held a meeting last Tuesday night. But nobody came.

Perhaps it was the snow. Or the cold. Or perhaps it was the sad realization that, appearances notwithstanding, Village meetings continue to be perceived as a complete waste of time.

Ideally, such meetings are held for purposes of discussion.

Meaningful dialog is exchanged, hopefully for the benefit of all concerned. The rich and diverse backgrounds of six or more individuals merge with an indefatigable sense of cohesion and synergy. Public input is expected. And encouraged.

But this is the real world. The Mayor does not wear a cardigan and urge citizens to "Be My Neighbor."

Regretably, something is sadly missing.

It is a lack of respect. It is a sense of basic decorum which is inherently lacking in elected individuals who certainly should know better.

The initial topic of "discussion" was a suggestion to grant the Certified Public Accounting firm of McGladrey and Pullen an extended, multi-year contract to perform Village audits.

Trustee Edward Guzdziol expressed reservations about the efficacy of the suggestion, noting he was still waiting for the results of the most recent evaluation.

"I don't know why we need a four year contract. We've been waiting over a month for the current (audit)," Guzdziol remarked.

"Eight months is too long to

wait," he added.

Trustee Georgia Duffy suggested the timeliness really could not be faulted if there is no past schedule or promised delivery date as a point of reference.

No one seemed to know when, specifically the audit was actually due.

According to Village Clerk Patricia Miller, "It's been like, sometime around Fall."

Clearly, audits are a touchy subject in the Village of Worth-whispered about in secrecy, but never discussed openly in polite conversation.

Trustee Edward Guzdziol once again incurred the wrath of the mayor and his political allies by broaching the "unspeakable" taboo:

"I move to have an independent audit of the (Water's Edge) golf course," Guzdziol suggested.

"You already have one in the current audit," was the Village clerk's reply.

"If you think our legal bills are high, hourly rates for auditors run about \$275.00 per hour," Miller argued.

Guздziol was soundly criticized in the past for questioning the legal fees of Odelson & Sterk, the law firm retained by the Village. Undaunted, Guздziol went on record with his request to review this multi-million dollar Village sponsored endeavor.

And again, he was cruelly rebuked for doing what most feel he was elected to do.

"It's our responsibility to supervise (the golf course.) We can't do it without the proper documents," Guздziol added.

"You are wasting our time," Mayor James Bilder exploded. "You can politic outside the meeting."

This "discussion" business was getting old. It was time to move on to a less touchy

subject.

Fire Chief Don Stefaniak mentioned he would like a new vehicle. His current ride is a 1993 vintage, with 116 K on the odometer. It's had one transmission rebuild and it's leaking oil. A 4X4 would be nice, Stefaniak suggested.

The Chief reasoned he could use the new vehicle for about 5 years and pass it down to another Village employee, who in turn could use it for another five years. With proper maintenance, 10 years of use would be no problem, Stefaniak reasoned.

"We need to go off-road now and then," Stefaniak

expounded, justifying the need for a 4X4.

Members of the Board seemed to agree and suggested the Chief check with private dealers for an advantageous price.

Often municipalities use a State-run program for discounted volume purchases on such items.

Chief Stefaniak urged the implementation of secure metal "lock boxes" to store keys in case of emergencies.

Stefaniak noted 5 businesses and 4 residential homes currently utilize such lock boxes, and urged Village implementation in four initial locations. Such boxes are required by code in certain municipalities.



Siegel receives service award

At a recent meeting of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Commissioner Harry "Bus" Yourell (left) presented a resolution to Chicago Ridge Mayor Eugene L. Siegel for his 25 years of service as mayor.

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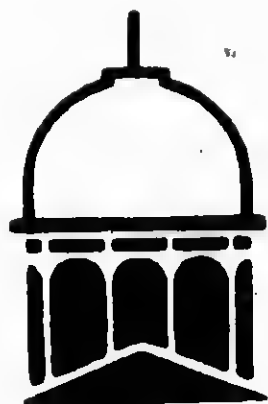
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